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STATEMENT BY MPA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JAMES J. WHITE ON 30-DAY EXTENSION IN NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN UNITED STATES MARITIME ALLIANCE AND INTERNATIONAL LONGSHOREMEN'S ASSOCIATION:

"We're pleased that both sides were able to reach an agreement on a 30-day extension. This will ensure that normal cargo operations at the Port of Baltimore will proceed business as usual during that time period. We hope that both sides use this extended time wisely and continue to talk in order to make progress toward a new agreement. It is within everyone's best interests to do so."

As a result of the 30-day extension, the Port of Baltimore's Seagirt and Dundalk marine terminals will not open on Saturday for the delivery and receiving of cargo as was previously announced.

General cargo in 2012 at the Port of Baltimore's public marine terminals was up nine percent through October over the same time period last year. Among individual commodities, roll on/roll off was up 23 percent, autos were up 19 percent, and containers were up six percent.

In 2011 the Port of Baltimore saw a 15 percent increase in cargo from 2010 which marked the greatest increase of growth by any major U.S. port. The Port's public and private marine terminals saw 37.8 million tons of cargo cross their docks in 2011, up from 32.8 million tons in 2010. The total dollar value amount of that cargo was more than \$51.4 billion, the Port's highest dollar value ever and a 24 percent jump from 2010. The port also set seven other cargo records in 2011.

The Port of Baltimore is ranked as the top port among 360 U.S. ports for handling farm and construction machinery, autos and light trucks, imported forest products, imported sugar, imported iron ore and imported gypsum. Baltimore ranks second in the U.S. for exported coal, imported salt, and imported aluminum. Overall Baltimore is ranked 11th for the total dollar value of cargo and 12th for cargo tonnage. Business at the Port of Baltimore generates about 14,630 direct jobs, while about 108,000 jobs in Maryland are linked to port activities. The Port is responsible for \$3 billion in personal wages and salary and more than \$300 million in state and local taxes.

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