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PACIFIC MARITIME ASSOCIATION STATEMENT ON FINAL CONTRACT APPROVALS

SAN FRANCISCO (May 22, 2015)—PMA President and CEO Jim McKenna issued the following statement about the International Longshore and Warehouse Union’s approval of the new five-year contract. The contract, already approved by PMA member companies, is retroactive to July 1, 2014 and runs through June 30, 2019.

“This contract provides an important framework for the hard work ahead to overcome new competitive challenges and to continue to position the West Coast ports as destinations of choice for shippers worldwide. From San Diego to Bellingham, these ports have long been the primary gateways for cargo coming into and leaving the United States, and our interests are aligned in ensuring they can effectively, and efficiently, handle the capacity growth that drives economies and jobs.”

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About PMA

The principal business of the PMA is to negotiate and administer maritime labor agreements with the International Longshore and Warehouse Union. This includes a coast-wide contract covering nearly 14,000 longshore, clerk and foreman workers at 29 ports along the West Coast, from Southern California to the Pacific Northwest. These ports drive nearly half of all maritime trade in the United States, including more than 70% of all imports from Asia. The PMA works on behalf of 71 member companies who are among the world’s leading shipping lines and terminal operators.

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