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Port Authority to Begin Operations Tomorrow at the Elizabeth Port Authority Marine Terminal Following the Aftermath of Hurricane Sandy

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Trenton, NJ - The Port Authority will receive the first five cargo vessels at the Elizabeth Port Authority Marine Terminal in Elizabeth, New Jersey tomorrow morning. Port Elizabeth Terminal is open for business, and Port Authority staff and our partners are working around the clock to continue ramping up to full service.

Four cargo vessels will go to Maher Terminal and one cargo vessel will arrive at APM Terminal. Maher and APM had power restored earlier today and are working to ensure all systems are in place to receive their first vessels tomorrow morning.

Longshoremen will be back to work and unloading cargo at approximately 8:00 a.m. on Sunday. Tomorrow's shipments are expected to provide a wide array of products and materials to the area.

Restoration of power continues to be a key requirement in returning the port to full operations. All roadways are cleared for safe passage and PAPD will direct traffic for all port employees.

The port has faced unprecedented challenges as a result of Hurricane Sandy. The storm surge caused nearly four feet of water throughout the Port. Round the clock cleanup efforts have repaired damaged roadways, hundreds of displaced shipping containers, fixed rail lines, damaged electrical systems and other port cargo.

Clean up of the Port is continuing around the clock to ensure that all port partners are brought back to full operation. All employees should check with their respective employers for reporting to work assignments.

The Port of New York and New Jersey is the gateway to one of the most concentrated and affluent consumer markets in the world. It is the largest port on the East Coast, and the third largest in the nation. With quick access to major population centers, the Port industry from the New York Harbor has the ability to reach approximately 20% of the US population in fewer than 8 hours. The port industry is responsible for more than 269,000 jobs in the region.

In 2011, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey handled 5.5 million TEU's (20-foot equivalent units), a record and nearly 4 percent more than 2010's volumes. The port's on-dock rail system – known as ExpressRail – also set a new record in 2011, handling 422,144 containers, or 12 percent more than in 2010. In 2011, the Port's major import commodities included furniture, beverages and apparel. The dollar value of all cargo that moved through the port exceeded \$185 billion.

The Port Authority manages Port Newark, the Elizabeth-Port Authority Marine Terminal, the Howland Hook Marine Terminal, the Brooklyn-Port Authority Marine Terminal, the Red Hook Container Terminal, and the Port Jersey Port Authority Marine Terminal.

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