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ALABAMA STATE PORT AUTHORITY HANDLES ANOTHER RECORD STEEL SHIPMENT

April 6, 2012, Mobile Ala. – The Alabama State Port Authority posted another record shipment of import steel through its Pinto Terminal this week. The MV MAGSENGER 8 arrived in port April 3rd with a surveyed draft of 44.6 feet carrying 4,727 carbon steel slabs weighing in at 102,488 metric tons (MT). The offloading operations took four days with approximately half being discharged direct to barge.

The Port Authority, in two short years, has moved the meter on total steel product volumes handled from just over 1.1 million short tons in CY2010 to 3.6 million short tons in CY2011. Roughly two-thirds of that volume represented inbound carbon steel slab bound for ThyssenKrupp.

Built in 2012 and currently sailing on its maiden voyage, the MV MAGSENGER 8 is an 115,455 dead weight tons (DWT) vessel measuring 834 ft. in length overall (LOA) and has a beam of 142 ft. The Port Authority acknowledged the MAGSENGER 8's first ship call to the Port of Mobile during a Maiden Voyage Ceremony for Captain Zhang Yu Zhong, the vessel's master. David Bray, the Port Authority's manager for Pinto Terminal, George Beck, Lead Maritime Specialist at ThyssenKrupp and Zack Spaulding with Page & Jones presented a plaque marking the occasion and toured the bridge of the new ship. The vessel is chartered and operated by Ultrabulk and Page & Jones served as the customs broker and vessel agent. The Alabama State Port Authority serves as the terminal operator discharging 25,000 MT of carbon slab per day.

The Alabama State Port Authority, headquartered in Mobile, Ala., owns and operates the State of Alabama's deep-water port facilities at the Port of Mobile and its public facilities handled 25 million tons of cargo last year. The Authority's container, general cargo and bulk facilities have immediate access to two interstate systems, five Class 1 railroads, and nearly 15,000 miles of inland waterway connections. Learn more at www.asdd.com.

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