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**RECORD EXPORT COAL SHIPMENT  
SAILS FROM THE PORT OF MOBILE**

**July 22, 2011, Mobile Ala.** – The largest export coal shipment handled at the Port of Mobile sailed early today from the Alabama State Port Authority's McDuffie Coal Terminal. A post-Panamax sized vessel was loaded with 129,016 short tons of export coal shattering the previously held year 2000 record by 3,248 short tons. The M/V E. R. BOSTON sailed at a surveyed draft of 44.979 ft. and was bound for Immingham, England bringing McDuffie's total export volume handled to date on the fiscal year to 7,589,753 short tons.

Jimmy Lyons, director and chief executive officer for the Port Authority, noted, "Our investments at the Port of Mobile to handle larger post-Panamax sized vessels are beginning to pay off for our shippers by providing customers with economies of scale shipments along with new harbor and terminal capabilities," said Lyons. The Port of Mobile's 45-foot channel and new turning basin, along with the McDuffie's new infrastructure, Post-Panamax cranes and inland transportation connections, easily handle increased cargo volumes to fill larger class of ships.

The Capesize M/V E. R. BOSTON is a 178,978 DWT measuring 958 ft. in length overall (LOA) and has a beam of 148 ft. LBH USA (DBA Celtic International Shipping Agency) served as the vessel's agent. The Alabama State Port Authority served as the terminal operator loading the vessel in a little over three days at a load rate of 1,596 short tons per hour. Lyons congratulated his people on their efforts to quickly and safely load the vessel, and Danny Guthrie of LBH USA stated he was "very pleased with the ease and efficiency of both the terminal operation and the cooperation of the vessel crew."

The Alabama State Port Authority, headquartered in Mobile, Ala., owns and operates the State of Alabama's deepwater port facilities at the Port of Mobile and its public facilities handled 24 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](http://www.asdd.com).

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