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H.S. “Smitty” Thorne Named Deputy Director for the Alabama State Port Authority

Mobile, Ala. – October 15, 2012. James K. Lyons, director and chief executive officer of the Alabama State Port Authority, announced today H.S. “Smitty” Thorne will serve as deputy director and chief operating officer for the Port Authority with direct oversight of the day to day administrative, marketing and operations functions at the port. “This move will help alleviate increasing demands on my office and the executive management team due much in part to the continued growth here at the port,” said Lyons.

Thorne, with over 40 years of maritime industry experience, started in both agency and stevedoring roles with Ryan-Walsh Inc., ending his 29 year career as Division vice president of operations. In 1996, Thorne joined the Jackson-Kearney Group where he rose to the position of operations vice president for the company’s warehousing and freight forwarding divisions and the second largest terminal and stevedoring operation at the Port of New Orleans. Thorne joined the Port Authority in 2000, where he has served in several positions of increasing responsibility. He and his wife Earline have five children and 12 grandchildren.

The Alabama State Port Authority owns and operates the State of Alabama’s deep-water port facilities at the Port of Mobile and its public facilities handled over 25 million tons of cargo. 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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