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Alabama State Port Authority Refinances \$60.3 Million of Series 2006C (AMT) Bonds

Mobile, Ala. – April 18, 2007. The Alabama State Port Authority Board of Directors yesterday authorized Director/CEO James K. Lyons to refinance the Authority's Series 2006-C (AMT) Bonds in the amount of \$60,455,000 (\$60,295,000 outstanding). The Series 2006C Bonds are Periodic Auction Reset Securities (PARS) or auction rate securities, which have been susceptible to interest rate fluctuations, and issuers of the auction rate bonds are encountering unprecedented high interest rates and limited refinancing options due to the country's mortgage and credit crisis.

Alabama State Port Authority Board Resolution 2008-16 authorizes a loan from Compass Mortgage Corporation and the redemption of the Series 2006C Bonds. The proceeds of the Compass loan will purchase U.S. Treasury Securities, which will be placed in escrow to meet the payment obligations of the Series 2006C Bonds including upcoming payments due on April 22, May 6 and the final payment on May 20, 2008.

"The Compass loan offers the Authority a quick and affordable refinancing option of instruments currently subject to financial market volatility," said Jimmy Lyons, Director & CEO. "With the debt stabilized, we can now center our efforts on the Authority's ongoing port expansion and improvement programs."

The Alabama State Port Authority, headquartered in Mobile, Alabama, owns and operates the State of Alabama's deepwater port facilities in Mobile, Alabama. The Authority directly employs 670 workers and its public facilities handled 27 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.