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EVERGREEN GROUP’S FIRST “GREEN” MEGA SHIP, EVER SUPERB, MAKES HER MAIDEN CALL AT THE PORT OF LOS ANGELES

SAN PEDRO, Calif. - Ever Superb, the fifth of Evergreen Group’s new advanced technology “green” mega ships but the first to sail in the Evergreen line, made her maiden call at the Port of Los Angeles today. Sister mega ships, Hatsu Sigma, Hatsu Smart, Hatsu Smile and Hatsu Shine, sailing in the Hatsu line, have all called at the Port of Los Angeles since last December. The name Ever Superb is the name of Evergreen Group’s first container ship, and now the name of the first S-Class “green” ship in the Evergreen fleet.

The ships are part of a series of 10 Evergreen Group S-type container vessels with environmental features that go well beyond the requirements of new and soon-to-be introduced international green standards. These vessels feature a double-skinned hull and fuel tanks positioned for optimal safety against spills and fires; “AMP” cold-ironing technology; a high capacity oily water separator that significantly reduces oil content in waste water; much larger bilge water and gray water holding tanks to reduce the need to discharge when sailing; main engines and generators that incorporate low NOx (nitrogen oxide) technology; electric-powered equipment on the vessel; low sulfur fuel-burning capability when sailing in restricted areas; and an environmentally friendly anti-fouling exterior and undercoating to minimize marine life impact.

“Each time one of Evergreen Group’s new green ships sail into the Port of Los Angeles, we know that we are looking at the future of shipping,” said Port of Los Angeles executive director Geraldine Knatz, Ph.D. “We applaud all of our customers in their aggressive efforts to reduce the harmful effects of emissions generated by ships and terminal operations, and together we will significantly reduce air pollution in the years ahead.”
The Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach recently introduced the San Pedro Bay Ports Clean Air Action Plan (CAAP) - a first-ever joint blueprint to aggressively reduce the emissions from port operations, and the associated health risks, within the next five years.

The CAAP sets specific performance standards for the five basic types of emissions sources at the Port: heavy-duty vehicles/trucks, ocean-going vessels, cargo handling equipment, harbor craft, and railroad locomotives. Implementation measures include lease requirements, tariff changes, CEQA mitigations, incentives, voluntary measures, credit trading, capital lease backs and government-backed loan guarantees for trucks.

This is the first time the nation’s number one and number two container ports have worked together on a comprehensive, coordinated plan for reducing air emissions. The plan was created with the support and input of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the California Air Resources Board and the South Coast Air Quality Management District.

For more information on the “Green Ships” of Evergreen Group, visit:


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