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TWO OF EVERGREEN GROUP’S “GREEN” MEGA SHIPS CALL AT THE PORT OF LOS ANGELES SIMULTANEOUSLY

SAN PEDRO, Calif. – The Hatsu Smart, one of Evergreen Group’s new advanced technology “green” mega ships, made her maiden call at the Port of Los Angeles last week alongside sister ship Hatsu Sigma – the first time two environmentally-advanced mega ships have been at dock together at the Port. The Hatsu Sigma first called at the Port of Los Angeles in December 2005.

The Hatsu Sigma and Hatsu Smart are the second and third, respectively, in 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.

“Our hats are off to Evergreen Group and our other customers who recognize the importance of greening their ships and their operations,” said Port of Los Angeles executive director Geraldine Knatz, Ph.D. “Our customers are truly our partners in reducing the harmful effects of emissions generated by ships and terminal operations, and we’re counting on their environmental proactive efforts to help our Port significantly reduce air pollution in the years ahead.”

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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 terminals 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 Hatsu Smart, Hatsu Sigma and “Green Ships” for Evergreen, visit:


Green Ships – Sister Evergreen Mega Green Ships Hatsu Sigma and Hatsu Smart call at the Port of Los Angeles at the same time.

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