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**Statement on the Board Action Regarding the
Contract for Mobile Scanning Unit**

At its February 5, 2009 meeting, the Los Angeles Harbor Commission postponed a decision to cancel a contract with Duly Research, Inc., for the purchase of a mobile linear accelerator x-ray scanning unit. The item will be taken up at the next regularly scheduled Harbor Commission on February 19, 2008.

Since July 2008, the unit has been tested to scan shore-side provisions and supplies for cruise ships at the Port of Los Angeles. Port staff brought a request to Harbor Commissioners to cancel the contract and return the unit based on various deficiencies observed during the testing period.

“We knew this was an experimental piece of equipment and there would be glitches during the testing period,” said Commission President S. David Freeman. “But because we need this equipment, my inclination is to defer this matter until our next board meeting and consider the cancellation of the contract at that time unless the contractor has, in fact, satisfied all the requirements of the contract.”

Issues that must be addressed include compliance with the specifications in the purchase contract as well as corrections pertaining to equipment performance deficiencies. Over the next 14 days, Harbor Commissioners requested that port staff and Port Police personnel continue to work with DULY Research and the manufacturer as they seek to resolve the outstanding issues on the mobile scanning unit.

In the meantime, supply trucks entering the World Cruise Center at the Port will be inspected by Port Police and canines as was the practice during the testing of the unit.