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'CMA CGM MARCO POLO' ARRIVAL A NEW MILESTONE FOR PSA HALIFAX

Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada – PSA Halifax welcomes the maiden call of *CMA CGM Marco Polo*, which at 16,022 TEU capacity is the largest containerized vessel to call on any Canadian port, further strengthening the weekly Ocean Alliance AWE3 service arriving direct from South Asia and China.

An impressive 396 metres in length and 53.6 metres across the width of the ship, the *CMA CGM Marco Polo* adds capacity to a service comprised of 19 'ultra-class' vessels. With a terminal area of 32 ha, a continuous berth length of 800m and depth of 16.5m, PSA Halifax is the only terminal in Eastern Canada that can accommodate ultra-class vessels.

"Since 2015 when CMA CGM first brought the Columbus service to Halifax, we have had incredible support from our ILA workforce, CN Rail, Atlantic Pilots, Halifax Port Authority and from the strength and depth of today's Ocean Alliance partners," said Jan van Mossevelde, CEO and Managing Director at PSA Halifax.

"The arrival of *CMA CGM Marco Polo* signifies a milestone for PSA Halifax as a team – it is testament to the terminal's capabilities and to the recent delivery of key infrastructure – taking Halifax forward together and recognising the efficiency and reliability of this deep-water Atlantic hub for our customers," he adds.

PSA Halifax is working with all stakeholders to ensure that the Port City continues to deliver creative supply chain solutions for Canadian exporters and importers, as well as reliability into US markets. A unique and growing network of coastal opportunities offers logistical support for global Carriers using PSA Halifax and environmentally beneficial options for a broad range of shippers. Looking ahead, PSA's global approach will continue to drive greater connectivity for all PSA Halifax customers.

CMA CGM Canada General Manager Thiago Campos stated, "At CMA CGM, we meet the growing needs of our Canada customers by offering responsive and innovative solutions. The entrance of the 'CMA CGM Marco Polo' not only increases overall capacity on our Columbus-JAX service, it also gives us additional reefer capability due to the vessel's 1,185 reefer plugs. Whether our customers need to ship dry cargo or have temperature-controlled freight like liquids, seafood, produce or pharmaceuticals, we have the technology and the capacity to get the job done for the people of Canada."

Bigger ships offer greater efficiencies, growth and prosperity, both locally in Atlantic Canada and upstream to major cities and distribution centres throughout eastern Canada. Trade has been safeguarded and protected by dedicated workforces throughout the pandemic of 2020 and into 2021 and the maiden call of the *CMA CGM Marco Polo* is a fitting reminder of the great support that international trade, via Halifax, has received from across Canada.

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Note to editors – Due to COVID-19 precautionary measures, there will be no terminal access for media.

About PSA Halifax

PSA Halifax is a container terminal in Halifax, Nova Scotia and is owned and operated by PSA International, a leading port group and trusted partner to cargo stakeholders. With natural deepwater, year-round ice-free access and the capability to handle the largest vessels visiting North America's east coast, PSA Halifax's commitment to service reflects a management team with diverse international experience. Building networked coastal and inland rail solutions, PSA Halifax offers global Carriers and Logistics providers a reliable route to market and unrivalled 'first' and 'last port' capabilities, as the Atlantic hub.

About PSA International

PSA International (PSA) is a leading port group and trusted partner to cargo stakeholders. With flagship operations in Singapore and Antwerp, PSA's global network encompasses over 50 locations in 26 countries around the world. The Group's portfolio comprises more than 60 deepsea, rail and inland terminals, as well as affiliated businesses in distriparks, warehouses and marine services. Drawing on the deep expertise and experience from a diverse global team, PSA actively collaborates with its customers and partners to deliver world-class port services alongside, develop innovative cargo solutions and co-create an Internet of Logistics. As the partner of choice in the global supply chain, PSA is "The World's Port of Call". Visit us at www.globalpsa.com.

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