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Georgia Ports Authority joins Green Marine

Garden City, GA, June 16, 2022 – Georgia Ports Authority (GPA), the top U.S. container port by loaded export volume, is the newest participant in Green Marine, the leading voluntary environmental certification program for North America’s maritime industry.

“It has always been a core value for us to conduct port operations in an efficient and environmentally respectful manner,” said Griff Lynch, GPA’s Executive Director. “We have been proactive in reducing our emissions and helping our communities thrive, and we believe that Green Marine is the next logical step to assist us in the continual improvement of our environmental performance.”

Operating the deepwater ports of Savannah and Brunswick along with two inland terminals, GPA is active on various fronts when it comes to sustainable development, winning an EPA Clean Air Excellence Award for its efforts. These include implementing LED terminal lighting, converting its fleet of container handling equipment and trucks to ultra-low sulphur diesel, and using electric rubber-tired gantry cranes and ship-to-shore cranes equipped with integrated generators that capture power while lowering containers. GPA’s on-terminal switching at the new Mason Mega Rail Terminal also drastically reduces commuter idling at rail crossings.

“We are thrilled to welcome such a major U.S. port,” said David Bolduc, Green Marine’s President. “Georgia Ports Authority’s decision reflects its strong leadership and commitment to sustainability efforts.

“GPA will find Green Marine as not only a useful tool to measurably improve its environmental performance, but also as the access to a large network of like-minded ports and companies that willingly share ideas and resources to achieve greater sustainability,” Bolduc added.

To achieve Green Marine certification, Georgia Ports Authority will assess its environmental performance through indicators that address such issues as greenhouse gases, underwater noise, spill prevention, community impacts, community relations, waste management, and environmental leadership. The certification process is rigorous and transparent, with results independently verified every two years and each participant’s individual performance made public annually.



About Georgia Ports Authority

Georgia's deepwater ports and inland barge terminals support more than 496,700 jobs throughout the state annually and contribute \$29 billion in income, \$122 billion in revenue and \$3.4 billion in state and local taxes to Georgia's economy.

Green Marine overview

Founded in 2007, Green Marine's North American environmental certification program is celebrating its 15th year as a voluntary effort by the shipping industry to go beyond regulations. There are currently more than 170 ship owners, port authorities, terminal operators and shipyard managers throughout Canada and the United States participating in the program. A pivotal element of Green Marine's success from the outset has been the active support from environmental stakeholders, the scientific community, and governments. A significant number of the more than 90 Green Marine supporters participate in reviewing and shaping the environmental program. More details are available at www.green-marine.org.

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