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PORT OF LOS ANGELES SET TO ROLL OUT CLEAN TRUCK PROGRAM ON OCTOBER 1 WITH MORE THAN 300 CONCESSIONAIRES AND 1,500 CLEAN TRUCKS

SAN PEDRO, Calif. — September 25, 2008 — Day One of the Clean Truck Program at the Port of Los Angeles will take place on October 1 with more than 300 trucking company concessionaires on-board and 1,500 of the newest, cleanest trucks available to bring cargo to and from the nation's number one containerport.

The groundbreaking Clean Truck Program, part of the 2006 San Pedro Bay Ports Clean Air Action Plan, will reduce air pollution from the trucks serving the Port by 80 percent over the coming five years as well as enhancing security.

Key components of the Port of Los Angeles Truck Program in place on October 1 include:

- Ban on all pre-1989 trucks
- Concessionaire truck identification system
- Clean truck identification system (those trucks meeting USEPA 2007 standards)

Other components of the Program, including the imposition of fees, will be implemented on a stepped approach. The Port is currently developing a computerized system to collect Clean Truck fees from cargo owners. These fees will be used to assist financing more clean trucks at the Port. It is anticipated that the fee collection system will be operational a few weeks after October 1. Until the system is up and running, the fee will not be assessed.

“We are proud to say that after months of intense preparation, the Port of Los Angeles Clean Truck Program will kick off as scheduled on October 1 with the main elements in place,” said Geraldine Knatz, Ph.D., executive director of the Port of Los Angeles. “Our number one goal is to keep commerce flowing while we implement the Clean Truck Program and we are confident that we will meet this goal.”

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