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Virginia International Terminals Adds Saturday Hours for Truckers, Shippers

NORFOLK, VA – Virginia International Terminals Inc. [VIT] on Saturday, Sept. 15, will voluntarily adjust its operating hours at Norfolk International Terminals [NIT] in an effort to cooperate with the Norfolk City Council's desire to keep heavy trucks off Hampton Boulevard during the work week.

The terminal and the empty container yard will be open on Saturdays from 8 a.m. until noon Sept. 15 through Dec. 1; those months are traditionally the year's busiest as holiday cargo moves through the port. If the program is successful the extended hours may run beyond Dec. 1, or more hours may be added to the Saturday schedule, said Joe Dorto, VIT's general manager.

"We want to be a good neighbor and do our part to help reduce the number of our trucks on Hampton Boulevard," said Jeff Kever, the deputy executive director of the Virginia Port Authority. "We are encouraging the trucking community and shippers to make use of Saturdays now."

VIT is the Virginia Port Authority's private terminal operating company.

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The Virginia Port Authority (VPA) is an agency of the Commonwealth of Virginia, reporting to the state Secretary of Transportation. The VPA owns and operates four general cargo facilities on behalf of the state: Norfolk International Terminals, Portsmouth Marine Terminal, Newport News Marine Terminal and the Virginia Inland Port in Warren County. The terminals are operated by Virginia International Terminals, Inc. (VIT) the non-stock, non-profit operating company. The VPA, through terminal earnings generated by VIT, is operationally self-sufficient. The VPA and correlating maritime industry is responsible for 165,000 jobs, \$762 million in business revenues and \$61 million in state and local taxes throughout the Commonwealth.