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VPA Hosting Maiden Voyage Ceremony for *Hanjin Norfolk* at Norfolk International Terminals

* Media Tour of the Vessel Available *

NORFOLK, VA – The Virginia Port Authority on Wednesday, July 2, 2008, will be hosting a maiden voyage ceremony at 2 p.m. on the ninth floor of the operations tower at Norfolk International Terminals [NIT] for the container ship *Hanjin Norfolk*.

The event marks the first time this vessel has come to its namesake city. To commemorate the occasion, Virginia Port Authority [VPA] Executive Director Jerry A. Bridges will present a maiden voyage plaque to the ship's captain and other dignitaries from Hanjin; such presentations are a long-standing tradition in the shipping industry. Representatives from the VPA, Virginia International Terminals Inc., and the region's maritime community will be attending the event.

Hanjin Norfolk and its sibling, *Hanjin Piraeus*, were christened in May at Samsung Heavy Industries on Geoje Island; they are the second and the third in a series of the eight 4,300-

TEU container ships that were ordered in 2005. Both vessels will be deployed in the company's AWE (All Water East Coast) Central Service. The ports along Hanjin's AWE Central Service include: Xiamen, Yantian, Ningbo, Shanghai, Busan, Savannah, Virginia, Charleston and back to Xiamen.

These vessels are equipped with state-of-the art engines that consume less fuel than any other ships of the same class and can easily change speed according to operational situations.

Hanjin Norfolk specifications

- Weight: 40,500 MT (gross tonnage)
- Container loadable capacity: 4,275 TEU
- Engine output: 49,700 HP
- Width: 32.2 M, Length: 261 M
- Speed: 24 Knots

Media Attendance

Media are welcome to attend the plaque presentation at NIT. In order to do attend, present your media credentials and a valid, government-issued ID at the North Gate security checkpoint, which is located on North Gate Road. **There will be no exceptions made for the ID rule.** A VPA police officer will then escort you to the tower. Since the presentation begins at 2 p.m., it will be necessary to schedule your arrival at the North gate accordingly. Following the presentation, a tour of the vessel will be offered.

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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 343,000 jobs, \$41 billion in total revenues throughout the Commonwealth.