

PORT OF OAKLAND CELEBRATES 80th TRUCK MILESTONE IN TRUCK REPLACEMENT

VP McClure:

The Port of Oakland marked a milestone last Wednesday, April 30, 2008. We held a news conference and celebration of our efforts, along with the community, to reduce pollution from diesel trucks serving the Port area. Executive Director Omar Benjamin and Commissioner Margaret Gordon attended the event. Commissioner Gordon will tell us more.

Commissioner Gordon (feel free to make your own remarks if you like):

Thank you Commissioner McClure. The Port of Oakland has been providing financial incentives to encourage truckers who haul cargo through the Port of Oakland, to replace older, more polluting trucks, with newer trucks that have much cleaner burning engines. Port Executive Director Benjamin handed over the keys of a brand new 2009 Kenworth truck to its new owner. This is the 80th truck replacement that completes the original goal of the Port of Oakland's \$3 million Truck Replacement Project. This project is another step toward helping us achieve our goal, that by the year 2020, the Port of Oakland will have cut the health risk from diesel particulate matter at our seaport by 85 percent.

MARITIME AIR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN HONORED AT BREATHE CALIFORNIA AWARDS

Breathe California, Inc., a 100-year old non-profit organization, held its 18th Annual “Clean Air Awards” in San Francisco on Friday, April 18, 2008. At the luncheon, Breathe California awarded the Port of Oakland an Honorable Mention award in the Leadership category to recognize the Port’s Maritime Air Quality Improvement Task Force. Richard Sinkoff, Director of Environmental Programs and Planning, along with the MAQIP Co-Chairs Jack Broadbent (BAAQMD), Brian Beveridge (Community Representative) and Andy Garcia (Business Representative) accepted the award on behalf of the Board, Port staff, and the entire MAQIP Task Force. The Port of Oakland was given a Clean Air award for its environmental leadership at Oakland International Airport back in 2003.

GERMAN PARLIAMENT VISITS THE PORT OF OAKLAND

On Tuesday, April 15, 2008, a delegation of 7 elected officials from the German Parliament visited the Port of Oakland. The German Consul General Rolf Shuette and Deputy Consul General, Christian Seebode as well as staff from the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, accompanied the delegation on the visit to the Port. The delegation included members of the parliament's Budget and Transportation Committee, which is responsible for seaport, rail and other transportation infrastructure planning and funding in Germany. The purpose of the visit was fact-finding regarding the U.S. maritime and logistics industries and to meet with representatives of Hapag-Lloyd Shipping Lines. This visit was initiated by Board President Tony Batarse. Executive Director Omar Benjamin greeted the delegation and I accompanied the delegation with Port staff on a tour of

Berths 57-59, Middle Harbor Shoreline Park, the Outer Harbor, and West Oakland.

Gay Joseph, Maritime General Manager; Mike O'Brien, Maritime Security Manager; Chris Peterson, Chief Wharfinger, and Richard Sinkoff, Director of Environmental Programs and Planning, made presentations to the German Bundestag and Embassy and consular officials. Following the presentations, Hapag-Lloyd Shipping Lines provided a land tour accompanied by Port staff. We hosted lunch and an informal roundtable discussion with the invited guests on Port, maritime, trade, and related environmental and security matters.

A discussion of forming a sister-port relationship with one of the leading German ports, such as the Port of Hamburg was suggested to the delegation, for purposes of technical

exchange on matters such as environmental management,
logistics, trade, and facilities development.