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PORT OF PALM BEACH MAKES SENIOR STAFF APPOINTMENTS

RIVIERA BEACH, Fla. – Port of Palm Beach Executive Director Lori A. Baer today announced the return of Thomas J. Lundeen to the port in the new role of port engineer and director of engineering and maintenance, as well as the expansion of responsibilities of the port’s director of operations, Michael B. Davis, as he assumes the position of director of operations and planning.

Lundeen, who served Port of Palm Beach as port engineer from 1998 to 2004, rejoins the port’s senior staff in the newly created position at a time when the port is embarking upon several major capital projects, including Main Gate Phase II, South Gate, Slip 3 redevelopment and demolition of the Port Executive Plaza. In addition to overseeing all engineering matters, Lundeen will oversee the port’s 10-person maintenance department. Lundeen will start May 16.

Lundeen, a professional engineer, is a former chairman of the American Association of Port Authorities’ Facilities Engineering Committee and past president of the Palm Beach Chapter of the Florida Engineering Society. Prior to rejoining the port, Lundeen served as project manager for Palm Beach Gardens-based Catalfumo Construction Ltd.

Davis, who joined port staff in 2000 and became director of operations in 2003, will continue to oversee the port’s operations and, in his new position, will add increased focus to major mid- and long-term planning and development.

Most recently, Davis has developed plans for a western Palm Beach County inland industrial port and regional rail concept that would relieve congestion along major north-south highway and rail corridors while creating good-paying jobs and other economic opportunities for the Tri-Cities area of South Bay, Belle Glade and Pahokee. Davis also is responsible for recommendation of a flyover to facilitate the crossing of Florida East Coast Railway tracks by port truck traffic and local residents and merchants.

Davis has 25 years of experience in port operations management and serves as the port’s representative on the Palm Beach County Metropolitan Planning Organization’s technical advisory committee.

“As Port of Palm Beach enters some of its most exciting and challenging times, I’m pleased we’re able to attract and retain high-caliber professionals like Mr. Davis and Mr. Lundeen,” Baer said.

Port of Palm Beach is a trade hub for the Caribbean region and ranks among the nation’s 20 busiest container ports while also handling numerous bulk and breakbulk cargoes. The port, governed by a board of five elected commissioners, annually contributes \$260 million to the regional economy while directly and indirectly bringing some 3,000 jobs.

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