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## **Moody's Investors Service affirms Port of Palm Beach's Baa2 rating with stable outlook**

**Riviera Beach, Florida – January 14, 2021** – On Wednesday, Moody's Investors Service (Moody's) issued a credit opinion for the Port of Palm Beach affirming the Port has maintained a Baa2 with a stable outlook.

The bases for Moody's determination is the Port's strong financial performance.

According to Moody's, the following items all played a role in the Port's current credit profile.

- Multi-year contracts with largest tenants with minimum annual revenue guarantees
- Strong liquidity
- Sound financial margins
- An aggressive capital investment program that is forecasted to be all cash and grant funded

“The Port of Palm Beach, like most businesses, was significantly impacted in 2020 by the COVID-19 pandemic. While we saw a slight declines in cargo shipments, the no-sail order on our cruise business was and continues to be our greatest challenge,” said Chief Financial Officer and Deputy Director Paul Zielinski. “However, we have the financial depth to meet these challenges with a liquidity position exceeding 24 months. We also have the ability to maintain a favorable liquidity position as a result, of both the solid profit margins inherent in our long-term agreements and our continued commitment during this time to control expenses.”

### **About Port of Palm Beach**

Located in Riviera Beach, the Port of Palm Beach is a full-service, diversified port, offering cruise and cargo services to more than 30 onsite tenants and users. At 162 acres, the Port's efficiency is unparalleled, processing more than \$7 billion in commodities, 2.5 million tons of cargo, and 500,000 cruise passengers annually. As one of the largest employers in Palm Beach County, the Port of Palm Beach and its tenants employ more than 2,850 people. Through the contribution of more than \$185 million in business revenue and \$17.5 million in tenant-contributed state and local annual tax revenue, the Port of Palm Beach is a large economic engine in South Florida. For more information, visit [www.portofpalmbeach.com](http://www.portofpalmbeach.com).

### **About Moody's Investors Service**

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