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Building Bridges – Port of Païta sends delegation to the Port of Hueneme to build on Sister Port Relationship

[October 8, Port Hueneme, CA] The Port of Hueneme, California and the Port of Païta, Peru are pleased to announce the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish a Sister Port relationship. The initiative, funded by the U.S. Department of State, seeks to promote cooperation and development in areas of mutual interest for both ports.

A delegation from Peru will arrive on October 13 to meet with Port of Hueneme leaders and local partners as they tour the port and relevant sites. **An MOU signing ceremony will be hosted at the Channel Islands Maritime Museum at 4:30pm on October 14 with a press Q&A and interview opportunities to follow.** The museum's address is 3900 Bluefin Cir, Oxnard, CA 93035.

Both parties began exploring this relationship in 2024 before a delegation from Hueneme visited Païta earlier this year. "The Sister Port relationship we have with the Port of Païta highlights our shared vision not only for global collaboration, but also for sharing best practices and expanding trade opportunities that will benefit local economies in both regions", said Kristin Decas, CEO & Director of the Port of Hueneme.

Key areas outlined in the MOU include improving transparency in procurement, sharing best practices in port management, and collaborating on green energy projects. Reflecting on the broader impact of the partnership, Eduardo Cerdeira, CEO of Terminales Portuarios Euroandinos, said, "The Sister Ports program between Hueneme and Païta marks a milestone that goes beyond the relationship between two ports. It represents an initiative that promotes a model for expanding new trade alternatives and



maritime routes, fostering an exchange of knowledge with the aim of benefiting communities along the west coast of the Americas.”

The Sister Ports Program was created to generate new initiatives, enhance connectivity between the ports, identify new business opportunities, facilitate trade and deepen the connection between two nations.

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About the Port of Hueneme: *The Port of Hueneme is one of the most productive and efficient commercial trade gateways for niche cargo on the West Coast. Five locally elected Port Commissioners govern the Port. The Port consistently ranks among the top ten U.S. Ports for automobiles and fresh produce. Port operations support the community by bringing \$2.8 billion in economic activity and creating 25,000 trade-related jobs. Trade through the Port of Hueneme generates more than \$236 million in direct and related state and local taxes, which fund vital community services. In 2017, the Port of Hueneme became the first Port in California to become Green Marine certified and was voted the Greenest Port in the U.S. at the Green Shipping Summit.*

About the Port of Paita: The Port of Paita, strategically located on the northern coast of Peru in the Piura Region, serves as a key gateway for Peru and South American trade to international markets throughout the world. After 15 years under concession and more than \$240 million in investment, the Port of Paita has become Peru’s most important port for exporting agricultural goods and seafood products, generating more than 1,000 direct and indirect jobs in the north of the country. The Port concession is owned and operated by the Peruvian concessionaire, Terminales Portuarios Euroandinos (TPE) – jointly owned by YILPORT Holding, Inc. and DP World Logistics – whose exclusive purpose is the administration and operation of the Paita Port Terminal.