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PORT OF BALTIMORE WINS TOP NORTH AMERICAN AUTO PORT AWARD

(BALTIMORE, MD) --- Automotive Supply Chain magazine awarded the Helen Delich Bentley Port of Baltimore with its 2015 'Ports and Terminals' award recognizing it as the top auto port in North America during its recent inaugural North American awards event in New York. The award recognizes excellence in auto handling among North American seaports. Winners are selected by key members of the auto industry such as vehicle manufacturers and logistic service providers.

"Congratulations to the Port of Baltimore for this impressive honor," said Governor Larry Hogan. "The Port has firmly established itself as the premier port for auto handling and I am committed to ensuring its continued success!"

Last year, a record 792,795 cars made their way across the public and private marine terminals of the Port of Baltimore. For the fourth consecutive year, the Port of Baltimore handled more cars than any other U.S. port. Baltimore's success as an auto port is attributable to its geographic location as the closest East Coast port to the Midwest, its industry-renowned quality program and having four on-dock auto processors for its customers.

"The Port of Baltimore once again broke its own record last year for the number of vehicles handled," said Automotive Supply Chain Editor Sam Ogle. "At almost 800,000 units, it was the leading U.S. automobile port for the fourth straight year. This was a truly stellar performance, and one which certainly merited the Ports and Terminals Award."

Combining both the public and private marine terminals, the Port of Baltimore had a record year in 2014 and saw 29.5 million tons of international cargo valued at approximately \$52.5 billion cross its docks last year. Baltimore is ranked as the top port among all U.S. ports for handling autos and light trucks, farm and construction machinery, imported forest products, imported sugar, and imported aluminum. Overall Baltimore is ranked ninth for the total dollar value of cargo and 13th for cargo tonnage for all U.S. ports.

Business at the Port of Baltimore generates about 14,630 direct jobs, while about 108,000 jobs in Maryland are linked to port activities. The Port is responsible for \$3 billion in personal wages and salary and more than \$300 million in state and local taxes.

Automotive Supply Chain is an auto industry magazine aimed at auto manufacturers, processors, and other key personnel in the auto logistics industry.

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