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PORT OF BALTIMORE SETS TWO NEW SINGLE MONTH RECORDS

Containers and General Cargo Set New Records in March

(BALTIMORE, MD) --- Governor Larry Hogan today announced that 913,139 tons of general cargo and 49,971 containers were handled at the Helen Delich Bentley Port of Baltimore's public marine terminals in March, establishing two new monthly records. The previous record for general cargo was 900,947 tons set in April 2014, while the previous container record was 46,927 set in October 2014.

"When the Port succeeds, Maryland succeeds," said Governor Hogan. "This record-setting performance helps grow the state's economy and demonstrates that the Port of Baltimore is one of the most efficient and productive ports in the country."

Compared to March 2014, general cargo, which includes containerized goods, autos, forest products, and roll on/roll off (farm and construction) equipment, was up 14 percent while containers were up 53 percent. Last year, the Port set new annual records by handling 9.7 million tons of general cargo and 484,410 containers.

The Port of 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 foreign cargo and 13th for cargo tonnage for all U.S. ports. Combining both the public and private marine terminals, the Port of Baltimore saw 29.5 million tons of international cargo valued at approximately \$52.5 billion cross its docks last year.

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 tax revenues.

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