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Matson Extends South Pacific Express Service to Tahiti

HONOLULU, Aug. 7, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- Matson, Inc. (NYSE: MATX), a leading U.S. carrier in the Pacific, has announced that it will introduce a new extension of its South Pacific Express (SPX) service to Tahiti, providing twice monthly arrivals from the U.S. mainland and Honolulu to French Polynesia. Matson will begin accepting Tahiti shipments with the SPX departure of *Samoana Voyage 007* from Honolulu on August 22, 2017 and first arrival at Papeete on September 4, 2017.



The new Tahiti service will leverage Matson's existing U.S. West Coast network, serving all three major ports, and its newly enhanced biweekly SPX service from Hawaii with Tahiti cargo transhipped at Apia to provide industry fastest transit times from Hawaii.

With the addition of Papeete, Tahiti as a port of call, Matson now provides export shipping from the United States and Hawaii to many of the major islands of Polynesia, including Samoa, American Samoa, the Cook Islands (Rarotonga and Aitutaki), Tonga (Nukualofa and Vava'u), Niue, New Zealand, and Fiji (Suva and Lautoka).

In addition to unmatched arrival consistency and the shortest transit times from Hawaii, advantages of the new Tahiti service include Matson's dedicated terminal operations in Hawaii, Seattle, Oakland, and Long Beach, affording customers:

- | Late cut-offs within hours of vessel departure times
- | Industry-leading truck turn times
- | Use of Matson's extensive owned chassis inventory throughout the U.S.

"This new service allows Matson to leverage existing operations in the region to offer market-leading service to a new destination," said Senior Vice President - Pacific Vic Angoco. "The people of Tahiti and Hawaii have enjoyed a long and rich history together with shared ethnic and cultural ties. We look forward to strengthening ties between our island communities."

Matson has appointed Papeete Seairland Transports as its exclusive agent in Tahiti. The company has a proud and accomplished history in the shipping industry of French Polynesia. General Manager, Thierry Charrier will lead a knowledgeable and professional team dedicated to delivering the world-class customer support in Tahiti for which Matson is known throughout the Pacific.

About Matson

Founded in 1882, Matson (NYSE: MATX) is a leading U.S. carrier in the Pacific. Matson provides a vital lifeline to the economies of Hawaii, Alaska, Guam, Micronesia and select South Pacific islands, and operates a premium, expedited service from China to Southern California. The Company's fleet of 21 owned vessels and six chartered vessels includes containerships, combination container and roll-on/roll-off ships and custom-designed barges. Matson Logistics, established in 1987, extends the geographic reach of Matson's transportation network throughout the continental U.S. Its integrated, asset-light logistics services include rail intermodal, highway brokerage, warehousing, and less-than-container load freight consolidation and forwarding to Alaska. Additional information about Matson, Inc. is available at www.matson.com.

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