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SICT Receives Two New Direct Services

[16 July 2010 – Hong Kong] – On 6 July, Shantou International Container Terminals (SICT) welcomed the first call of the MV Liberty Star, marking the commencement of a new Korea service (IHS) of Namsung Shipping Company Limited. The new service handles growing trade between East Guangdong and Korea and meets customers' demand for an express service between Shantou and Korea.

Two 706-TEU vessels have been deployed to this weekly service. They follow a port rotation of Incheon, Busan, Hong Kong, Haiphong, Shekou, Shantou, Xiamen and Incheon. The ships can reach Korea from Shantou in just three days – two days faster than another Korea service that calls at Shantou.

Four days later, SICT received the first call of the Manila service (CPS) of SITC Container Lines. The 585-TEU MV OSG Acme is the sole ship of the service. It follows a port rotation of Shantou, Xiamen, Manila (North and South) and Shantou.

Explaining the benefits of the new services, Ronald Wan, General Manager of SICT, said, "This is good news for importers and exporters in East Guangdong. The two new direct services save time and money on shipments to and from Northeast and Southeast Asia."

SICT currently hosts five intra-Asia services, a cross-strait direct service and various feeder services, making it the main import-export gateway for Shantou.

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MV OSG ACME made the first call of the CPS service

Notes to Editors:

Hutchison Port Holdings (HPH), a subsidiary of the multinational conglomerate Hutchison Whampoa Limited (HWL), is the world's leading port investor, developer and operator with interests in a total of 308 berths in 51 ports, spanning 25 countries throughout Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Europe, the Americas and Australasia. HPH also owns a number of transportation-related service companies.