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### **METRO PORTS APPOINTS FERGUSON AS PRESIDENT**

**Michael (Mike) S. Ferguson** has accepted the position of president for **Metro Ports**, replacing former interim Metro Ports President Norman Hauser.

When he joins Metro Ports on Jan. 5, 2015, Ferguson will have national authority and responsibility for operations and business development of each company utilizing the Metro Ports dba, which includes port operations in the west, gulf, and east coasts as well as Prince Rupert, B.C., Canada. He will report to **Nautilus International Holding Corp.** Chief Operating Officer **Michael Giove** and will be based in Fair Play, S. C.

“It is a distinct pleasure to welcome Mike Ferguson to the Nautilus family,” said Nautilus Chairman, President and CEO **James Callahan**. “Mike has proven himself to be a respected, successful and dynamic professional with more than 35 years of experience in the bulk material-handling industry, including leadership roles in ports and terminals, mining, coal preparation, and bulk transportation.”

Ferguson held management positions in several high-profile companies, including vice president cargo solutions at Inchcape Shipping Services, where he developed dry bulk and breakbulk terminals in North America, Africa and S.W. Asia, and V.P. marketing and business development for Forge Group N.A. (formerly Taggart Global, LLC). Prior to ISS, Ferguson was director of ports and terminals in Colombia for Drummond Coal Sales Co., Inc., and directed the company’s startup of new operation in Charleston, S.C. Additionally, he held various positions at Kinder Morgan, ranging from terminal manager, vice president of marketing and regional vice president of operations, with responsibility for up to 15 terminals. He also served in various managerial and engineering-related positions at Shell Mining Co./Zeigler Coal Co.

Ferguson holds a MBA/Operations Management from The Auburn University and a B.S. in Mining Engineering from U. of Missouri – Rolla. He is active in several coal and industry-related associations.

**About Metro Ports: Metropolitan Stevedore Co.** was established in 1923 in Southern California and with business roots dating back to the 1850s Gold Rush era through its original San Francisco parent corporation, California Stevedore and Ballast Co. Through the years, Metropolitan Stevedore Co. became known as Metro so in 2008 the decision was made to use **Metro Ports** as the new brand for the various key operating companies of Wilmington, Calif.-based Nautilus International Holding Corp. Those key companies included Metropolitan Stevedore Co., Southeast Crescent Shipping Co., Suderman Contracting Stevedores, Inc., Southeast Maritime Services LLC (which holds the Savannah International Terminal), and Cape Fear Bulk LLC.

**Nautilus International Holding Corp.**, headquartered in Wilmington, Calif., maintains oversight of various subsidiary

companies concentrating in stevedoring, terminal operations, agency, logistics and risk management. The companies of Nautilus International Holding Corp. excel in providing outstanding services to various market segments. These subsidiaries include Metro Ports, a contract stevedoring and marine terminal operator specializing in dry and wet bulk materials, breakbulk cargoes, forest products, wind energy, and a variety of other marine cargoes; Metro Cruise Services LLC and Metro Shore Services LLC, which jointly provide a full suite of services to the passenger cruise industry; and Metro Risk Management LLC, which specializes in claims administration and other risk management services. For more information, please visit [www.metroports.com](http://www.metroports.com), [www.metrocruiseservices.com](http://www.metrocruiseservices.com), [www.nautilusintl.com](http://www.nautilusintl.com).

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