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METRO PORTS ANNOUNCES NEW PRESIDENT

Metro Ports, a holding of **Nautilus International Holding Corp.**, recently announced the appointment of **James Dillman** to the position of president, Metro Ports.

As Metro Ports president, Dillman is in charge of Metropolitan Stevedore Co., Southeast Maritime Services LLC and Southeast Crescent Shipping Co., all of which use the Metro Ports dba. He will report directly to **James Callahan**, Nautilus International Holding Corp. chairman, president and CEO.

A 25-year maritime professional, Dillman most recently served as vice president of Ceres Gulf, Inc., in Houston, Texas. He has held various positions in the industry, including superintendent for stevedoring companies, port captain for steamship companies, and operations manager for the Port of Houston. During his career, he served as vice president North American operations for Swire Shipping, manager Barbours Cut Terminal operations for Shippers Stevedore Co., general manager of breakbulk operations for Marine Terminals Corp., general manager operations with BHP Shipping, assistant manager of operations at the Port of Houston Authority, and general manager for Ceres Great Lakes operations.

Commander James Dillman is a 1986 graduate of the US Merchant Marine Academy. Upon graduation, CDR Dillman entered the USN Reserves as a merchant mariner (1625). Concurrently, he began his career in the stevedoring industry.

CDR Dillman is still involved in the U.S. Naval Reserve. During his 20 years in the U.S. Navy, he has participated in numerous Military Sealift Command Units, holding all capacities, including Commanding Officer. CDR Dillman was activated during Operation Desert Storm and Iraqi Freedom.

CDR Dillman remains active in the USN Reserves today, acting as instructor and executive officer for the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Unit in Katy, Texas, where he trains young men and women for future careers in the U.S. Armed Forces or Maritime Industry.

“Jim Dillman’s appointment as Metro Ports president further strengthens the Metro Ports management team as we continue to grow and expand our nationwide operations,” said Callahan.

Metro Ports is a holding of Nautilus International Holding Corp. Metro Ports is a dba, encompassing the non-cruise, non-shore operations of the company. The 87-year-old company is a marine terminal operator and stevedore contractor that handles all types of cargo and excels in providing outstanding additional services to various segments of the shipping community. Additional company information may be found at: www.metports.com.

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