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IAPH appoints Patrick Verhoeven as Managing Director-Policy and Strategy

TOKYO, May 5, 2017 – IAPH President Santiago Garcia Milà has announced the appointment of Patrick Verhoeven as the IAPH Managing Director-Policy and Strategy.

According to the requirements of the new IAPH Constitution adopted in June 2016, the selection process of a new role of Managing Director-Policy and Strategy started some months ago. This role is expected to create a new opportunity for IAPH to expand and enhance its scope in an attempt to become a more dynamic organization with a stronger voice within the global ports industry. The Managing Director will deliver an advocacy function for IAPH, and by working closely under the President and Board of executive directors (six vice presidents), enhance the leadership status and importance of the organization.

President Milà mentioned, “He has more than twenty years of experience in leading international port and shipping organizations as Secretary General of Federation of European Private Port Operators (FEPORT), Secretary General of European Sea Ports Organisation (ESPO) and Secretary General of European Community Shipowners’ Associations (ECSA). He has the required communicative and diplomatic skills and we are convinced that he will do a great job for IAPH.”



Patrick is quoted as saying, “I very much look forward to working with old and new friends at IAPH. Moving from a predominantly European to a global community is an exciting prospect. I will do the utmost to ensure that my experience on different sides of the industry will contribute to the positive development of IAPH, its membership and the wider maritime community.”

He will assume responsibilities on 1st September 2017.

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About IAPH

Founded in 1955, the International Association of Ports and Harbors (IAPH) is a nonprofit global alliance of roughly 170 ports and 140 maritime companies and institutes representing about 90 countries. The IAPH is dedicated to fostering cooperation among ports and harbors and promoting the vital role they play in creating a peaceful, more prosperous world. Based in Tokyo and recognized as the only voice speaking for ports around the globe, the IAPH has Consultative NGO Status from the United Nations and is active in developing international trade and maritime policy. IAPH member ports handle about 70 percent of world container traffic and more than 60 percent of all international maritime trade.

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