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LARGEST CONTAINER SHIP EVER TO CALL ON PORT OF BALTIMORE

BALTIMORE, MD – Another Port of Baltimore milestone will be reached on **Wednesday, November 7th** when the largest container ship in the Port of Baltimore's 301-year history makes a call. The 997-foot Mediterranean Shipping Company's (MSC) **MICHAELA** will call the Port of Baltimore.

WHAT: The largest container ship ever to call the Port of Baltimore will be available for photographs at the Seagirt Marine Terminal. The ship is 997 feet in length, 191 feet high, 131 feet wide, and weighs 73,819 gross tons. It can carry 6,724 TEU's (Twenty-Foot Equivalent Unit) containers. **Media will not be able to board the vessel, but can get up close pictures from the pier. Media will also be invited to board a workboat and get waterside photos.**

DATE AND TIME: **Wednesday November 7, 2007 at 12:45 p.m.**

WHERE: Seagirt Marine Terminal

DIRECTIONS:

- Take Keith Avenue Exit off I-95. Make a left onto Keith Avenue and stay straight until it becomes Broening Highway.
- Take Broening Highway one mile, past the Seagirt Terminal truck entrance. Look for the Dundalk Terminal Visitors Entrance sign with arrow straight ahead. At the next traffic signal turn right.
- Stay in the left lane and stop at the security guard station to show your photo ID.
- You will be directed on further parking arrangements at this point.

PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES WILL INCLUDE:

- MPA Executive Director James J. White will be available for interviews or photos
- The Port of Baltimore's skilled labor force working the ship
- Waterside tour will be provided after initial interviews

NOTE: **RSVP's must be made by Tuesday November 6th at 2 p.m.**
Photo ID's must be shown at the Dundalk Marine Terminal security gate.

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