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SC Ports Achieves Record Fiscal Year

*TEU volume up 10 percent in FY17; Inland Port handles record rail moves*

**CHARLESTON, SC - July 12, 2017** - South Carolina Ports Authority moved a record 2.14 million twenty-foot equivalent units in fiscal year 2017, an increase of 10 percent over the previous year's container volumes.

Highest-ever June volumes of 183,237 TEUs gave SCPA a strong finish to its fiscal year, which runs July through June. The Port's previous record was 1.98 million TEUs, achieved in FY2006.

"We had a very strong fiscal year, reflective of a capable and hard-working SCPA team and entire maritime community," said SCPA president and CEO Jim Newsome. "Such growth enables the Port to continue to make the necessary investments in equipment and infrastructure to support the big ships being deployed to the East Coast today."

As measured in pier containers, or boxes handled, SCPA moved a record 104,010 containers across the docks of its two container terminals in June. The Port handled its highest ever pier container volume of 1.21 million boxes during FY2017, surpassing the previous record of 1.13 million boxes in FY2005.

Inland Port Greer rail lifts reached an all-time high in June, with 13,060 lifts last month. The facility finished the fiscal year with a record 121,761 moves, an increase of 33 percent compared to FY2016.

***About South Carolina Ports Authority***

South Carolina Ports Authority (SCPA), established by the state's General

Assembly in 1942, owns and operates public seaport facilities in Charleston, Georgetown and Greer. In 2015 SCPA handled international commerce valued at more than \$74 billion while receiving no direct taxpayer subsidy. An economic development engine for the state, Port operations facilitate 187,200 statewide jobs and generate nearly \$53 billion annual economic activity. Home to the Southeast's deepest port, SCPA is the industry leader in delivering speed-to-market, seamless processes and flexibility to ensure reliable operations, big ship handling, efficient market reach and environmental responsibility. For more information on SCPA, including career opportunities at all SCPA facilities, please visit [www.scspa.com](http://www.scspa.com).

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