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**FESCO Russian Pacific Line Announces New Service from Tacoma to Vladivostok**

*Offers Twice Monthly Calls with Only Direct All Water Service from the Puget Sound to the Russian Far East*

FESCO Russian Pacific Line, a FESCO Transport Group Company, the number one logistics provider to Russia, announced today that it is adding Tacoma as a port of call and introducing a fortnightly service to Vladivostok and all points in the Russian Far East with the first sailing scheduled for November 17, 2011.

The new service will depart the Port of Tacoma with a transit time of 14 days to Vladivostok and will include breakbulk, roll on/roll off, and project cargoes.

“We are introducing this improved service to meet our customers’ growing needs to the Russian Far East with more frequent sailings and faster service,” said Mike Evans, FESCO’s North American president. “We are the only provider offering breakbulk and roll on/roll off service out of the Port of Tacoma and the Port of Everett with a direct call in Vladivostok, which is Russia’s largest port city on the Pacific Ocean.”

The Tacoma service offers roll on/roll off ramps, which can handle up to 120 metric tons to accommodate FESCO’s diverse customer base including automobiles, trucks and trailers, and heavy industrial machinery, to name a few. The top exports from the Pacific Northwest to the Russian Far East are vehicles and parts, mining machinery, and agricultural equipment, as well as oil and gas project cargoes.

“Moving cargo direct from the ports of Tacoma and Everett allows us to provide our customers with very competitive rates,” says Evans. “We are really excited about this new service and our customers are very pleased about the faster transit times with better frequency for their export shipments.”

“FESCO has a long and successful history of servicing the Far East trade and we are experts at handling all types of breakbulk, project, roll on/roll off, and lift on/lift off cargoes,” he said. “We know that our continued success depends on further expansion and this is just one of many new services we will be introducing as our customers look to grow their businesses in this region.”

FESCO Russian Pacific Line is a VOCC (vessel operating common carrier) with a total logistics solution to all Russian Far Eastern regions including the Russian interior. The new port calls with the expanded service will be: Everett, Tacoma, Vladivostok, Korsakov, Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky, and Magadan.