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FESCO Russian Pacific Line's First Sailing Departs the Port of Tacoma *New Service Offers Fortnightly Sailings from the Pacific Northwest to the Russian Far East*

SEATTLE, Washington – The first sailing of FESCO Russian Pacific Line's new direct all water service to Vladivostok departed the Port of Tacoma today.

FESCO Russian Pacific Line, a FESCO Transport Group Company, the number one logistics provider to Russia, is offering roll on/roll off vessels, as part of its direct fortnightly service to Vladivostok and all points in the Russian Far East.

A variety of breakbulk, roll on/roll off, including trucks, trailers and automobiles, as well as project cargoes were loaded onboard the STX Bluebird, which will be arriving in Vladivostok on December 2, 2011.

"We saw a need to satisfy our customers' requirements for more sailings and stay competitive in this growing niche market," said Mike Evans, FESCO's North American president. "With the improved frequency, our customers will see a quicker return on their investment and for our multi-global, Fortune 500 clients in the oil and gas, mineral, manufacturing industries, that is a big deal. The increased port calls are supported by a well established network in Russia – rail, truck, warehousing and Customs clearance – for a total logistics solution."

FESCO Russian Pacific Line is a VOCC (vessel operating common carrier) and services all Russian Far Eastern regions, including the Russian interior. The new port calls include: Everett, Tacoma, Vladivostok, Korsakov, Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskiy, and Magadan.

About FESCO Russian Pacific Line and FESCO Integrated Transport Company

FESCO Transport Group is a multimodal transport holding company and one of the largest marine carriers and container providers in Russia. FESCO operates 47 vessels and



4 icebreakers and is Russia's largest container, dry bulk and roll on/roll off operator. FESCO is the second largest privately-held railcar operator in the Russian Federation and is further expanding into terminal and port ownership in Western and Far East Russia.

As part of the FESCO Transport Group, FESCO Integrated Transport offers fixed-day, weekly service between North America and all ports in the Russian Far East. Highlights of the service include:

- All types of container handling from US East Coast, Gulf and West Coasts.
- Turnkey projects in the Russian Far East and Arctic Russia.
- Special equipment needs for the oil and gas, mining, and forestry industries.
- Out-of-gauge cargo, including modular housing and rolling stock, among others.
- Packing, crating, and warehousing in both the United States and Russia.
- Custom's clearance in Russia.

About the Port of Tacoma

The Port of Tacoma is an economic engine for South Puget Sound, with more than 43,000 family-wage jobs in Pierce County and 113,000 jobs across Washington state connected to Port activities. A major gateway to Asia and Alaska, the Port of Tacoma is among the largest container ports in North America. The Port is also a major center for bulk, breakbulk and project/heavy-lift cargoes, as well as automobiles and trucks.

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