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Matson Recognized as Laureate by the Computerworld Honors Program

OAKLAND, CA - Matson Navigation Company has been recognized as a Laureate by the Computerworld Honors Program in the transportation category for its Integrated Document Management (IDM) initiative. IDM has successfully streamlined operations and eliminated paper-based processes across Matson's business units while simultaneously reducing costs and improving customer satisfaction. For two decades, Computerworld Honors has acknowledged those individuals and organizations that have used information technology to benefit society.

"Matson is very proud to have been recognized by Computerworld Honors for its IDM initiative," said Peter Weis, vice president and chief information officer, who accepted the award on Matson's behalf at a formal ceremony held in Washington, D.C. in June. "Leveraging strategic technologies across all business units is a cornerstone of Matson's IT strategy and we're gratified to see our success with IDM recognized as a best practice. IDM's approach to enterprise content management enables Matson employees to work more efficiently and productively from a single technology platform."

Weis emphasized the wide ranging benefits of the initiative to the Matson organization: "In vessel engineering, Matson now manages all engineering drawings and repair manuals electronically, thus improving productivity, saving physical space and reducing costs. Finance now handles the flow of invoices through the accounts payable system using IDM, and our logistics unit, Matson Integrated Logistics, has incorporated IDM into its custom-developed operating platform so that all documents associated with a customer shipment are accessible with a single click. We fully expect IDM's growth within Matson to continue in the coming years. Equally important, as an ISO 14001-certified organization, Matson continually evaluates the environmental impact of our operations. IDM has contributed positively to our long-standing environmental objective to reduce paper consumption and conserve natural resources." IDM has been developed using EMC's Documentum product suite, which enables companies such as Matson to provide centralized document management, integrated workflow, and collaboration capabilities across the organization.

The Computerworld Honors Program unites Chairmen and CEOs of the world's foremost information technology companies to recognize the most outstanding user achievements in technology each year. The technology achievements honored by this program are preserved and protected in national archives, and in over 350 universities, museums, and research institutions throughout the world.

Matson provides ocean transportation services to Hawaii, Guam, China and Micronesia, as well as logistics services through its subsidiary, Matson Integrated Logistics. Matson is a wholly owned subsidiary of Alexander & Baldwin, Inc. of Honolulu (NASDAQ: ALEX).

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