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WELCOMES *DAVIKEN*, 1ST SHIP OF THE SEASON

Detroit, April 3rd, 2001- Wednesday, April 4, 2001 marks the official opening of the Port of Detroit's international shipping season. The Port of Detroit will welcome its first ocean-going vessel of the 2001 shipping season, the Bahamian vessel, *Daviken*. Its estimated arrival time is at 11:00 A.M at the Detroit Marine Terminals, Inc.

"The Port Authority is proud to observe this tradition which recognizes the importance that maritime transportation has played in the 300 year history of Detroit's regional economy," said John Jamian, DWCPA's executive director. This year's official port opening will be celebrated with a joint luncheon of the Detroit Propeller Club and DWCPA, at which the Hudson Trophy will be presented to the ship's agent.

The *Daviken* set sail from Antwerp, Belgium with a cargo of steel coils on March 9, 2001 under the command of its Captain Florentino L. Garcia, Jr. The Bahamian flagged ship is 728.8 feet long with 75.7-foot beam. Nassau, Bahamas is its home port.