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NEW JERSEY COMPANY EARNS PRESTIGIOUS ANTI-TERRORISM SECURITY CERTIFICATION FROM US GOVERNMENT

***Port Jersey Logistics' C-TPAT Certification Is Among The First Awarded By The
US Customs & Border Protection Agency***

(Monroe Township, NJ) – Robert Russo, President of Port Jersey Logistics, a leading public warehousing and distribution company, announced today that Port Jersey is one of the first third-party logistics companies ever to receive a Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT) Certification from the US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Agency.

Events on September 11, 2001 uncovered the need to improve security throughout the United States, including at the nation's ports and distribution hubs. The United States government, in partnership with businesses involved in importing goods into the U.S., adopted measures to tighten security at customs checkpoints under a certification program entitled C-TPAT. The ultimate goal of the program is to help guarantee the integrity of supply-chain management and operations while improving the process of securing and inspecting cargo.

Port Jersey received this Certification after submitting a detailed analysis of its day-to-day practices, allowing for a close audit of the way in which goods are handled and demonstrating effective standard operating security procedures within the company. Examining the company's practices involves looking at procedural, physical, and personnel security, along with access controls, how packing manifests are handled, and what sort of education and training employees receive. Once the application of the

business to join C-TPAT is approved, it is assigned a Supply Chain Security Specialist who evaluates the supply chain and provides suggestions for improvement before certifying the business as a member.

“As a leader in this industry, we are proud to be the first among our competitors to achieve this important certification,” said Robert Russo, President of Port Jersey Logistics. “Security was always a top priority for us but the events of September 11th further reiterated how critical it is to always keep safety at the forefront of our minds. Our team deserves tremendous credit for this achievement.”

About Port Jersey Logistics

From storage and distribution to integrated supply chain management, Port Jersey Logistics offers 50 years of experience with state-of-the-art systems and facilities to meet all logistics requirements. It is equipped to handle a complete spectrum of products including grocery, specialty foods, alcoholic beverages, health and personal care products, electronics, textiles, ingredients and raw materials.

Port Jersey locations are certified food-grade facilities, AIB approved and Organic Certified, as well as FDA registered. Each facility is also licensed by the NJ Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control. As a complete provider, Port Jersey Logistics also offers many Valued Added Services such as freight consolidation, an overweight container program, customs bonded services, product packaging, repacking, shrink wrapping, labeling and ticketing, product return services, creation of point-of-purchase displays, container drayage, freight management and fulfillment services.

Port Jersey Logistics has facilities conveniently located throughout New Jersey and the flexibility to operate almost anywhere. For more information, visit www.portjersey.com or call 609-860-1010.



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