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NACCS SIGNS FIRST SERVICE PROVIDER AGREEMENT WITH ‘The Descartes Systems Group Inc.’ REGARDING ADVANCE FILING RULES

Kawasaki, Japan- 30 November 2012- Nippon Automated Cargo and Port Consolidated System, Inc. (NACCS Center) has signed the agreement with Service Provider ‘The Descartes Systems Group Inc.’ (Waterloo, Canada) to connect each other’s system to enable Carriers and NVOCCs in foreign countries, the filers of the newly enacted Japans Advance Filing Rules, to report electronically through NACCS to Japan Customs as details shown in the attachment.

This is the first time NACCS Center signed the agreement on system connection with service providers regarding Advance Filing Rules.

*Advance Filing Rules: On March 30, 2012, a bill to amend part of the Customs Law passed through the Diet in Japan. This amendment enacts the Advance Filing Rules, which require a vessel operator or a NVOCC to electronically submit information on maritime container cargoes to be loaded on a vessel intended to entry into a port in Japan, to Japan Customs in principle no later than 24 hours before departure of the vessel from a port of loading. The electronic report from foreign filers will be made through service providers authorized by NACCS Center.

For further information, please visit NACCS Center website. Advance Filing Rules page has information on such as operations of the rules and list of authorized Service Providers. <http://www.naccs.jp/e/afr/index.html>

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(Attachment)

Service Provider Agreement with 'The Descartes Systems Group Inc.'

- ◆ The date of Agreement: 30 November 2012
- ◆ The place of Agreement: NACCS Center Headquarters
(Solid Square West Tower 8th Fl. 580 Horikawa-cho,
Saiwai-ku, Kawasaki city, Kanagawa, Japan)
- ◆ Person signed the agreement

NACCS Center : Nippon Automated Cargo and Port Consolidated System, Inc.
Mr. Takuo Yoshimoto
President & CEO

Service Provider: The Descartes Systems Group Inc.
Mr. Chris Jones
Executive Vice President, Marketing and Services

【Signing the agreement】



◆ Nippon Automated Cargo and Port Consolidated System, Inc.
Mr. Takuo Yoshimoto, President & CEO

First of all, on behalf of NACCS Center and on my own behalf I would like to welcome Mr. Chris Jones, Executive Vice President Marketing and Services at The Descartes Systems Group Inc. from Canada. I am very pleased that we could sign the service provider agreement between the Descartes and NACCS on Advance Filing Rules here in Japan at this signing ceremony today. Thank you for coming all the way from Canada to make it happen.

As many of you know, in consideration of situations in other countries, Japan has introduced Advance Filing Rules which will be implemented in March 2014. The rules require a vessel operator or NVOCC to electronically submit detailed information on maritime container cargos to be loaded on a vessel intended to entry into a port in Japan, to Japan Customs in principle no later than 24 hours before departure of the vessel from a port of loading. For us NACCS Center, information from filers is sent/received through authorized service providers connected to NACCS is the crucial point.

The Descartes signed the connection agreement today and became the very first service provider authorized by NACCS Center. For us NACCS Center also, this is the first time to sign the agreement with overseas service provider to receive the information from overseas filers since NACCS Center was founded in 1977. We can call it a big step forward for global activity of NACCS Center.

Descartes' experience in advance manifest filing services in Canada, US and other countries has been great help to us as we prepare for the Advance Filing Rules. I am very happy that Descartes signed the connection agreement today and became the first service provider authorized by NACCS Center. I would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation to Descartes for your cooperation and critical advices and celebrate this special day together.

Lastly, NACCS Center is still working on discussions with multiple service providers for smooth implementation of the rules. After reaching agreement, we will disseminate by press release.

Thank you.

◆ Service Provider (The Descartes Systems Group Inc.)

Mr. Arthur Mesher , Chairman & CEO

“Helping countries keep their borders safe and secure is one of the most important services we perform. As a leading provider of global customs and regulatory filing solutions we are pleased to work with NACCS Center as an authorized service provider for Japan's Advance Filing Rules.”

Descartes' Customs & Regulatory Compliance solutions help to keep goods moving across borders, whether by air, land or sea. They bridge the information gap between trading partners and regulatory authorities such as Japan Customs, to enable efficient cargo security screening, customs declaration filings and compliance across multiple regulatory requirements and industry-sponsored initiatives affecting international transportation. Descartes' Customs & Regulatory solutions are based on Descartes' 30+ years of domain expertise and technology innovation.

Descartes' Global Logistics Network (GLN), the world's largest multi-modal logistics messaging network, is connecting more than 63,000 parties, such as carriers, ocean forwarders and government organizations, and providing to the trades for Global Customs & Regulatory Compliance (AMS, ABI, ISF, AES, ACE, ACAS, ICS, ECS, ACI, MX AMS etc). It will be also a powerful way for carriers and ocean forwarders across the globe to comply with Japan's Advance Filing Rules.