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\$5.2 BILLION PANAMA CANAL EXPANSION PROGRAM OVERVIEW AND STATUS

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Wednesday, June 17, 2015 12 Noon – 1:00 pm (Registration/ Networking from 11:30 – 12)
26 Federal Plaza (Broadway at Worth Street), 18th Floor (Room 1802), New York City

Guest Speaker: Robert Bright

President and Founder of Talson Solutions LLC, and Talson International, S.A.

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About the Speaker

Robert S. Bright is a construction auditor and capital project consultant with 33 years of auditing, engineering, litigation support, project management, risk assessment, and consulting experience. He has directed contract audits and special investigations of contractors and design firms in the commercial real estate, education, infrastructure, healthcare, mining, petroleum, retail, and transportation industries. Since 2008, Mr. Bright has supported the Office of Inspector General, Panama Canal Authority, for the \$5.2 billion Panama Canal Expansion Program. Mr. Bright holds an MBA in Finance from The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania and a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

About the Presentation

The Panama Canal Expansion Program is a globally significant transportation project that will permit more and larger ships to transit the canal and open up the shipping route to East Coast and Gulf Coast ports. This presentation will provide more details about the program status in anticipation of the first transit passage in April 2016. Robert S. Bright, Founder & President of Talson Solutions, LLC (Talson), will provide further insight to the Canal project. Talson is providing construction auditing and consulting services on the expansion project, working for the Office of Inspector General, Panama Canal Authority. Mr. Bright will highlight the details about the extent of Panama's port development, which plays a critical role in the national economy, and provide information about improvements being completed on the project, new channels, water conservation basins, and new technologies being leveraged.



About Talson Solutions, LLC

Talson, a construction auditing and consulting services firm, was established based on a knowledge of the complexities and inherent risks associated with executing capital projects and an understanding of the challenges faced by CEOs, CFOs, COOs, trustees, board of directors, and audit committees. Many stakeholders view construction projects as constantly over budget, experiencing delays and lacking quality eventually leading toward costly litigation not to mention adverse and unwanted publicity. Since 2001, our role as the construction auditing consultant is not solely technical or financial; we bridge the gap between competing interests to achieve

transparency and objectivity.

In 2010, Talson international LLC was established to pursue opportunities outside of the United States recognizing the increase in capital project development internationally. We are proud of our multi-year involvement with the \$5.2 billion Panama Canal Expansion Program. Talson International S.A. was established in Panama to support infrastructure projects and the growing economies in Central America. Talson's professionals are pleased to provide international construction auditing and consulting services in Asia, Europe, and the Americas.

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