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U.S.-Flag Shipping on Great Lakes Up 7 Percent in August

CLEVELAND — U.S.-flag Great Lakes freighters (lakers) moved 10.1 million tons of cargo in August, an increase of 7 percent compared to a year ago. August's shipments also bettered the month's long-term average by approximately 60,000 tons.

Iron ore cargos for steelmaking totaled 4.7 million tons, an increase of 4.7 percent compared to a year ago.

Coal loadings neared 1.6 million tons, an increase of 8.5 percent.

Limestone cargos increased nearly 10 percent to 3.2 million tons.

Year-over-year U.S.-flag cargos total 50.4 million tons, an increase of 1.3 percent over the same point in 2016. Iron ore shipments have increased 6 percent to 27.6 million tons. Coal cargos are virtually unchanged – 7.5 million tons. The 12.6 million tons of aggregate, fluxstone and scrubber stone shipped represent a decrease of 5.8 percent.

Lake Carriers' Association represents 13 American companies that operate 49 U.S.-flag vessels on the Great Lakes and carry the raw materials that drive the nation's economy: iron ore and fluxstone for the steel industry, aggregate and cement for the construction industry, coal for power generation, as well as sand and grain. Collectively, these vessels can transport more than 100 million tons of cargo per year. More information is available at www.lcaships.com.

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