WELCOME ADDRESS BY THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF NPA AT THE 12TH INTERMODAL AFRICA 2014 EVENT

Protocol (Give the necessary protocol greetings)

It is my pleasure to welcome you all to Nigeria on this auspicious occasion of the 12th Intermodal Africa Conference and Exhibition.

We are delighted to have you, the cream of maritime experts and captains of industries from various parts of the world in our midst. The next two days would be quite instructive as you engage in product exhibition, networking or simply satisfying the curiosity of visiting Nigeria.

As you join other industry practitioners in sharing ideas and collaborating towards impacting on global connectivity and business wellbeing through transportation development, I wish you a very memorable and happy stay.

I have been informed that a good number of you are visiting Nigeria for the first time and may be here for just three days. While the stay might not be long enough for you to savour the full hospitality of Nigerians, I am sure that the ambience of the country and Lagos in particular would leave a lasting impression.

To our local investors, I urge you to take full advantage of the opportunities provided by this forum to network towards strengthening your capabilities and capacities.

To the event organisers, I want to commend you for all the efforts you have put in and salute your wisdom for taking the conference to different countries on the African Continent. By this, you are fostering cooperation and good synergy amongst African ports through cross pollination of ideas on contemporary issues.

Finally, I wish all participants fruitful deliberations and a very rewarding conference.

Once more, I welcome you all to Nigeria.