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**GERMAN CRUISE SHIP, C. COLUMBUS SUCCESSFULLY RETURNED
TO THE PORT OF DETROIT FOR A THIRD TIME**

The C. Columbus, a state-of-the art German cruise vessel, successfully returned to the Port of Detroit at 12:00 noon on Sunday, October 1, 2000.

The German vessel picked up 400 European passengers in Detroit, who had arrived from various German cities. These German passengers first toured the city of Detroit and stayed at local hotels.

The Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority (DWCPA) was proud to facilitate the reception of this magnificent vessel for another year. Each vessel visit generates approximately \$110, 000 in tourist revenue into the local economy. From hotel rooms, to restaurants and museums, the positive impact of these visits is significant. The C. Columbus has included the Port of Detroit on its Great Lakes Cruise itinerary since 1998.

"The Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority and the Great Lakes Cruising Coalition has worked hard to market the cruise business in the Great Lakes and to the City of Detroit. Our efforts are finally paying off," said Steven Olinek, DWCPA deputy director.

The C. Columbus is operated by Hapag-Lloyd Cruise Ship Management, GmbH, Hamburg. She was built in 1997 at the MTW shipyard, Wismar, Germany. The vessel has five passenger decks that include a swimming pool, sauna, spa, gym, hospital, library, boutique, salon, wine bar and a lounge with a stage and a dance floor. The Bahamian-flagged ship is 472.4 feet long, and 70.5 feet wide.

"Next year the Greek owned cruise ship, Arcadia, will spend her entire summer sailing season on the Great Lakes with the Port of Detroit serving as a home port for all 24 cruises," said John Jamian, DWCPA executive director.

Itineraries beginning or ending in alternating U.S. and Canadian ports like Detroit and Windsor, are required because of an 1886 law, the Passenger Service Act, that prohibits foreign-flag carriers from providing service that originates at one U.S. port and terminates at another U.S. port.
