

**GOOD EVENING LADIES AND GENTLEMEN!**

**WELCOME WPBT AND MEMBERS OF OUR WORLD-CLASS COMMUNITY TO PORT MIAMI. THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING OUR BEAUTIFUL PORT AS THE BACKDROP FOR TONIGHT'S SCREENING.**

**I WANT TO BEGIN BY THANKING PORTMIAMI DIRECTOR JUAN KURLA. UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP "THE CRUISE CAPITAL OF THE WORLD" WILL SOON BE "BIG SHIP READY" AND WILL ENHANCE ITS IMPACT ON THE GLOBAL MARKET PLACE.**

**JUAN, I WANT TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE TO YOU AND YOUR TEAM FOR ALL THE BENEFITS WE ENJOY THANKS TO THE CRUISE CAPITAL OF THE WORLD.**

**THANK YOU ALL FOR JOINING US TONIGHT.**

**DEAR FRIENDS...**

**PORTMIAMI IS ONE OF OUR COMMUNITY'S MOST IMPORTANT ECONOMIC ENGINES...**

**IT CONTRIBUTES OVER \$27 BILLION ANNUALLY TO THE ECONOMY, AND SUPPORTS OVER 200,000 JOBS.**

**WE OWE IT TO ALL OUR RESIDENTS TO MAKE SURE THAT PORTMIAMI REMAINS COMPETITIVE AND AHEAD OF THE CURVE.**

**TODAY, AS SOME OF YOU MAY KNOW, WITH THE DEEP DREDGE AND MANY OTHER IMPROVEMENTS, PORT MIAMI WILL BE BIG SHIP READY AND WELL POSITIONED TO COMPETE IN THE POST PANAMAX ERA.**

**AS I STAND HERE BEFORE YOU, MORE THAN \$1 BILLION OF CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS ARE TRANSFORMING PORTMIAMI.**

**THE PORTMIAMI DEEP DREDGE PROJECT WILL BE A GAME-CHANGER FOR THE ENTIRE REGION AS WE EXPECT IT TO OPEN THIS SUMMER, WAY AHEAD OF THE PANAMA CANAL EXPANSION.**

**ONCE THE DREDGE IS COMPLETED, PORTMIAMI WILL BE THE ONLY MAJOR GLOBAL LOGISTICS HUB SOUTH OF VIRGINIA, CAPABLE OF HANDLING BIGGER POST-PANAMAX VESSELS, AND ONE OF ONLY THREE U.S. ATLANTIC PORTS TO BE AT -50 FEET WHEN THE EXPANDED PANAMA CANAL OPENS IN 2016.**

**ALSO, ALREADY IN PLACE ARE NEW SUPER POST-PANAMAX GANTRY CRANES THAT CAN SERVICE CARGO VESSELS UP TO 22 CONTAINERS WIDE AS WELL AS A NEW TOLL-FREE TUNNEL LINKING THE PORT DIRECTLY TO FLORIDA'S INTERSTATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM. – ISN'T THAT NICE?**

**THESE PROJECTS ARE PROVIDING THE WORLD'S TOP OCEAN CARRIERS WITH THE CONVENIENCE OF FAST, RELIABLE, QUALITY SERVICE.**

**IN ADDITION TO THE ALREADY COMPLETED INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS, THE NEWLY DEEPEMED PORTMIAMI WILL BE A VIABLE OPTION FOR TRADE AND COMMERCE FROM THE SOUTHEASTERN UNITED STATES TO REACH MARKETS WORLDWIDE.**

**WE WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND COMMITMENT TO THIS HISTORIC PROJECT AND FOR CONTINUING TO BACK OUR WORK THAT WILL FOREVER CHANGE THE WAY WE DO BUSINESS WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD.**

**ONCE AGAIN THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TONIGHT!**

**GOD BLESS YOU ALL AND MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS MIAMI-DADE COUNTY!**

