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SLASPA Facilitates Historic Cruise Vessel Accommodation at Port Castries

CASTRIES – Wednesday March 4, 2009 – On Wednesday March 4, 2009, the Saint Lucia Air and Sea Ports Authority (SLASPA) accommodated the Dynamic Positioning of the Cruise Vessel, Serenade of the Seas. Dynamic positioning (DP) is a computer controlled system that automatically maintains a vessel's stationary position and heading in open waters, by using the vessel's propellers and thrusters, which means the vessel doesn't necessarily have to drop anchor.

Senior Pilot, Guy Bousquet and Captain Stig Neilson brought the vessel into port under stern propulsion (in reverse). With this positioning, the vessel can withstand winds of up to 40knots and maintain its position.

With SLASPA's forward thinking and foresight Senior Pilot Guy Bousquet and Chief Pilot Oliviere Cadet attended simulation training at the Simulation Training and Research Center (STAR Center) in Miami in March of last year. This allowed for the Pilots to be knowledgeable and well versed with such technology. Pilot Bousquet indicated that "The training was timely in that we are now able to meet the technological advances in the maritime industry. Consequently we were able to both facilitate and safely maneuver Serenade of the Seas into its position."

Commenting on this historic moment, Director of Marketing and Product development, Dona Regis said "This is a significant milestone for Port Castries and by extension St. Lucia's Cruise

industry. SLASPA's ability to facilitate such a request allows St. Lucia to strengthen its capacity as a cruise port thus becoming more competitive"



Senior Pilot Guy Bousquet and Chief Pilot Oliviere Cadet



Serenade of the Seas, Caribbean Princess and Ocean Dream in Port



Captain Stig Neilson and Senior Pilot Guy Bousquet