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DEFENSE DISTRIBUTION DEPOT SIGONELLA, ITALY ACTIVATION CEREMONY

SIGONELLA, ITALY – Defense Distribution Center, New Cumberland, Pennsylvania will activate Defense Distribution Depot Sigonella, Italy (DDSI), its 23rd distribution site, on Tuesday, March 30, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. in a ceremony at Naval Air Station, Sigonella, Italy. Officiating at the ceremony will be Brigadier General Kathleen M. Gainey, United States Army, Commander, Defense Distribution Center, New Cumberland, Pennsylvania.

DDSI joins 22 other DDC distribution sites located throughout the world and is established to provide forward stock positioning support and enhanced physical distribution service in conjunction with an expanding regional base. Collocated on Naval Air Station, Sigonella, Italy, DDSI's primary customers will include the local Aviation Support Division, Aviation Intermediate Maintenance Division, and Navy ships and squadrons operating in the Mediterranean region. Specialized handling and support services include managing the Navy's hazardous materials, depot level repair part storage and distribution, and a complete range of material packing and shipping services. DDSI will also provide expedited requisitioning and centralized receiving support to the military community throughout the Mediterranean.

Ms. Denise Cordeiro-Bennett will serve as Acting Commander of DDSI until June, at which time, CDR John Camuso, SC, USN will report as Commander; Ms. Cordeiro-Bennett will then assume her role as Deputy Commander. Cordeiro-Bennett comes to DDSI after having served as Deputy Commander, Defense Distribution Depot Pearl Harbor, Hawaii (DDPH) since 1999.

Defense Distribution Center, New Cumberland, Penn., is the Defense Logistics Agency's Lead Center for Distribution. DLA provides supply support and technical and logistics services to the military services and

to several civilian agencies. Headquartered at Fort Belvoir, Va., DLA is the one source for nearly every consumable item, whether for combat readiness, emergency preparedness or day-to-day operations.

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