Global Trade Implications of Panama and Suez Canals Expansions

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## Suez Canal — Update

- Built in 1869
- Connecting Mediterranean and Red Seas
- Single lane canal, two-way operation, with two bypasses (no locks)
- Reduced voyage between India/Europe by 4,000 miles
- Roughly 102 miles long/26 foot depth at the beginning, expanded to 120 miles long/79 foot depth
- Long, rich history — politically, economically, socially
- Estimated to handle 8-10% of world’s sea trade
New Suez Canal Initiative: Bypass Expansion

- Called the “New Suez Canal”
- Project launched in 2014 — 12 months planned
- Building new parallel canal in mid-section
- Allows two-way traffic
- Specifics
  - Increase depth range 75 to 79 feet
  - Expands width 673 to 837 feet

Completed/Opened August, 2015
New Suez Canal Impact

- Transit Time: Before 18 Hours, After 11 Hours
- Ships (24/hours): Before 76 Standard, After 97 Ships
- Permissible draft: Before @ 36/feet, After @ 66/feet
- Max Box Volume/Ship: Before 5,000, After 13,000