



### DP World joins Maersk and IBM's blockchain platform

DP World has completed the early stages of integration with TradeLens, a blockchain-based digital container logistics platform jointly developed by A.P. Moller – Maersk and IBM, as the parties try to accelerate the digitisation of global supply chains. The Dubai-based terminal operator aims to connect all its 82 marine and inland container terminals, as well as feeder companies and logistics divisions with TradeLens. The blockchain platform brings together data from the entire global supply chain ecosystem including shippers, port operators and shipping lines, aiming to modernise manual and paper-based documents, replacing them with blockchain enabled digital solutions. Sultan Ahmed bin Sulayem, Group Chairman and CEO at DP World, said: "Our decision to team up with TradeLens is driven by our vision for intelligent logistics, reducing costs and creating value. DP World is working to deliver integrated supply chain solutions to cargo owners, backed by our global network of ports, terminals, economic zones and inland operations. "Modernising the processes by which logistics operate is critical to building more robust and more efficient supply chains which will help economic development and generate more prosperity." DP World has already connected Cochin Port in India with the TradeLens platform via API technology. Plans to collaborate with other DP World business units, including the feeder line Unifeeder, have also been initiated.

### Independent Container Line starts new service from Cork to USA

The Port of Cork announced the start of a new weekly direct service from Cork to USA, giving Ireland its first direct container service to the USA in many years. The new service is set to commence with the sailing of the 'Independent Vision' on June 6th. ICL will sail from the Port of Cork every Saturday arriving on the East Coast of the USA 10 days later, offering Irish exporters the most reliable and fastest delivery times for their supply chains, the company said in its release. CEO of the Port of Cork, Brendan Keating said: "The Port of Cork is delighted with this opportunity to work with ICL and support this new direct route to the US. The timing is perfect with the opening of our new €80 million Cork Container Terminal in Ringaskiddy on the horizon, and has the potential to grow cargo volumes from and to Ireland. This is a fantastic strategic development for the Port of Cork as we look to develop Ringaskiddy as a modern logistics hub." CEO of ICL John Kirkland said: "Ireland is a market we have been keen to develop for a while and we sincerely hope the Irish trade support this commitment by ICL, to bring Ireland its first direct weekly service to the USA East Coast. We look forward to working with the Port of Cork with their exciting expansion plans".

### Stockholm's new port opens with arrival of first container ship

Stockholm Norvik Port marked an important milestone in the development of the new port with the arrival of its first container ship. Construction had begun in September 2016 on the new port, which is designed to support the efficient flow of goods into the Stockholm region, one of Europe's fastest-growing capital cities. Built as a replacement to the container terminal at Frihamnen in central Stockholm, the new port when completed will include both RoRo and container terminals. The port will provide deeper draughts, longer quays, and larger terminal areas with direct access to the region's highways and railway. "It is a fantastic feeling to be able at last to open Stockholm Norvik Port and to know that we can now assure the sustainable transport of goods to and from the greater Stockholm region for many, many years to come," said Johan Wallén, Marketing and Sales Manager at Ports of Stockholm. The first container ship, the 880 TEU Tunadal arrived at the port on May 27, 2020, marking the opening of the container terminal run by Hutchison Ports.

### Farmers in Assam (India) export pumpkins to Dubai

Farmers in Assam exported pumpkins to Dubai. Until now, 182 Metric tones (MT) of greens and end result grown through state's farmers were exported to other international locations from the Guwahati Airport. Leader Minister Sarbananda Sonowal on Thursday flagged off the shipment flight wearing pumpkins produced through state's farmers to Dubai on the Shipment Terminal of Guwahati Airport within the town. He additionally took inventory of the preparations for registration and screening of inbound and outbound passengers on the airport which has not too long ago resumed operations after leisure in COVID-19 lockdown norms. The Leader Minister mentioned that the state executive was once taking steps to deliver again state's other folks stranded in more than a few portions of the rustic via other modes of shuttle and 3421 other folks had arrived in Assam throughout the touchdown of 38 flights to this point in opposition to 1190 individuals who had flown out. The Leader Minister said that the state's farmers' produce have been exported to markets of Dubai, Abu Dhabi, London, Hong Kong, Singapore and many others from the Shipment Terminal of Guwahati Airport and the shipment flight carrier had facilitated the target of taking pictures global marketplace through the rural merchandise of Assam's farmers.

### APMT's Vietnam terminal wins place on 2M route

APM Terminals (APMT) has said the Cai Mep international terminal (CMIT), has welcomed the maiden call of the TP17 service deployed by 2M Alliance and in doing so secured itself as port of call for Ultra Large Container Ships (ULCs). According to a statement, the 'Seroja Lima' berthed at 2200 on 23 May 2020, to load and discharge almost 3,000 TEU. APMT said CMITs high productivity and "safe operations" were critical for its place on the 2M Alliance's schedule. The 2M Alliance comprises A.P. Moeller-Maersk and MSC, the two biggest carriers in the world. It means it will now be regularly visited by a fleet of vessels with a capacity of 12,000 TEU, another sign that Vietnam and Southeast Asia is growing as a hub for maritime trade. CMIT is a joint venture between Saigon Port (15%), Vietnam National Shipping Lines (36%) and APM Terminals (49%). The United States is Vietnam's third largest trade partner and foreign trade between two countries has been growing rapidly.



### Commercial linking routes between Saudi ports and airports inaugurated

In a first step of its kind and in partnership with the relevant government sectors, the Saudi Ports Authority announced the introduction of commercial routes linking the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's ports and airports to transport and re-export goods internationally to make the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia a global logistics center and a link hub between the three continents of Asia, Europe and Africa. Through this effective linking, the Jeddah Islamic Port's deposit and re-export zone of the strategic partner and operator of the zone, LogiPoint Company, which is the first and largest of its kind in Saudi Arabia, with an area of one million square meters, succeeded in receiving a cargo of marine goods and then re-shipping it through King Abdulaziz International Airport to its final destination in the Netherlands. Meanwhile, King Abdulaziz Port succeeded in the first process of transporting and clearing containers from King Abdulaziz Port to King Fahd International Airport in cooperation with the General Customs Authority, through the use of the routes between the deposit zones. This step aims to reduce shipping costs, speed delivery and enhance competitiveness in the Kingdom through this linking, which makes the cities of Jeddah and Dammam a logistical hub for shipping goods to all parts of the world in the near future and as soon as possible.