



## DP World and INA to invest US\$7.5 billion in Indonesia's port infrastructure

The Indonesia Investment Authority (INA) and DP World have signed a strategic alliance agreement of a total estimated value of US\$7.5 billion to enhance the Asian country's maritime and port sector within the global manufacturing ecosystem. The Dubai-based port operator will bring the technology needed and introduce its practices to develop new port terminals and assets, including operations optimisation, service innovation, disruptive technologies and safety principles. In addition, DP World has announced it will provide its Indonesian partner with logistics technology, including fully automated stacking for increased efficiency, hyperloop systems for fast cargo delivery, and 100% electric sustainable means of cargo transport. The partnership is expected to improve ports operations, reduce logistics costs and advance Indonesia's national competitiveness while enhancing shipping efficiency and inter-island and international connectivity. "DP World recognises the vast potential of Indonesia as one of the fastest-growing economies in the world, as well as projects undertaken by the government to improve port facilities," stated DP World Group Chairman and CEO, Sultan Ahmed Bin Sulayem.

## China Foreign Minister hails Greek port investment

China's Foreign Minister Wang Yi hailed Chinese investment in the port of Piraeus as he kicked off his European tour in Greece. He met with Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis and Foreign Minister Nikos Dendias on 27 October to discuss a range of topics, from investments and security, to tourism and culture. He pledged to boost cooperation between the two nations, with three key messages for both Greeks and people across the EU: The spread of the Olympic spirit, more investment and continued cultural connections between China and Europe. "We'd like to continue our connection with Europe and the investment at the Piraeus port is part of the hard work we have put in building our ties and in the BRI [Belt Road Initiative]," said Wang. "The investment has created many opportunities for Greece, but also created many job openings for locals as it became the largest port in the Mediterranean. This project is an example of our good relationship." When Wang met with Greek Foreign Minister, Nikos Dendias, Dendias stressed how Greece's dispute with Turkey including exploitation rights in the eastern Mediterranean, could compromise China's Belt and Road flagship European hub project – Greece's Port of Piraeus.

## Oasis Group to build new warehouse at DP World's London Gateway

DP World has signed an agreement with Oasis Group to establish a new distribution hub of 33,215m<sup>2</sup> at its port-centric logistics park at London Gateway. The warehouse will be taken on a long-term lease by OASIS Group which provides information management services to clients across the United Kingdom and Europe. Work for the new facility will begin in the spring and is scheduled to be completed by October next year. Like all other warehouses at London Gateway, the Oasis Group distribution hub will be built to BREEAM ratings, the world's leading sustainability standard for building construction. "We are delighted to welcome Oasis Group to our port-centric logistics park at London Gateway which is home to supply chain solutions, high-quality warehousing and light manufacturing," said Ernst Schulze, UK Chief Executive of DP World. In addition, Conan Wade, Group Property and Facilities Director at OASIS Group, commented, "taking this new facility at DP World's London Gateway Logistics Park is an excellent opportunity to expand our information management business, whilst supporting our ambitious environmental goals."

## Maersk to set up logistics park at Jeddah Islamic Port

Saudi Ports Authority (Mawani) today signed an agreement with A P Moller – Maersk, global integrator of container logistics, committing to an investment of \$136 million (SR510 million) over a period of 25 years to set up an Integrated Logistics Park at Jeddah Islamic Port in Saudi Arabia. The signing took place in the presence of the Minister of Transport and Logistics, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Saudi Ports Authority, Engineer Saleh bin Nasser Al-Jasser, and Richard Morgan, Managing Director, Maersk West & Central Asia, together with several officials from related sectors. The agreement was signed by Omar bin Talal Hariri, President of the Saudi Ports Authority, and Maersk Saudi Arabia President Mohammad Shihab. Spread over an area of 205,000 sq m, the greenfield project will be the first of its kind at Jeddah Islamic Port offering an array of solutions with the goal of connecting and simplifying the supply chains of importers and exporters in the Kingdom. Maersk will also be investing heavily in renewable energy to power the facility and eventually achieve carbon-neutrality. The project is expected to create more than 2,500 direct and indirect jobs in Saudi Arabia, a statement said.

## ZIM buys seven secondhand boxships for \$320m

The vessels purchased are five traditional panamax sized 4,250 teu boxships and two 1,100 teu. The prices of secondhand containerships have soared due to the capacity crunch facing the sector. Traditional panamax vessels were all but worthless a few years ago following the expansion of the Panama Canal in 2016 with ships of that class as young as 10 years old being sent for scrap. The sellers of the seven vessels in the \$320m transactions were not revealed. ZIM primarily charters in tonnage rather than buying, however, the market is extremely tight and a traditional panamax was recently chartered at \$200,000 per day. Eli Glickman, ZIM President & CEO, said: "Since going public our focus has been to allocate capital to strengthen our commercial prospects and create long-term shareholder value. "With the opportunistic acquisition of these much-needed vessels, we have drawn on our strong cash position and our agile approach to maintain and expand our operating fleet to meet growing customer demand, while remaining committed to delivering industry superior profitability. Going forward, we will continue to complement our primary strategy of chartering-in the vast majority of our vessels, by selectively acquiring second-hand tonnage when the appropriate opportunities arise."

## PIL launching new service for China and Gulf areas

Pacific International Lines (PIL) announced the launch of a new weekly direct service connecting Central and South China to the Gulf area in the Middle East. Effective from 23 November 2021, this new service - Gulf China Service (GCS), will be offered by a consortium of vessels with an average capacity of 3,000teu, jointly deployed by PIL, Regional Container Lines and CULines. This new direct service is part of PIL's continuous efforts to respond to the needs of its customers for more direct and efficient services. Customers who book on this new GCS service will enjoy fast transit times from Ningbo, Nansha and Shekou, to Jebel Ali and Dammam. The ports of call for this GCS service are: Ningbo- Nansha - Shekou - Jebel Ali - Dammam – Ningbo.



## ONE adds second Korea – Far East Russia service

The new Korea Russia Express 2 (KRX2) service connects the Korean port Pusan with Vostochny in Russia. It adds to ONE's existing KRX service in the sector. The 1,000 teu vessel Concerto will be deployed on the new service with the first voyage departing Pusan on 3 November. "With Pusan as the transshipment hub, both services offer improved connections with other worldwide destinations throughout ONE's global network," the shipping line said.

## Beibu Gulf port welcomes two new intra-Asia services

The two new services - CMX and IVX – will see the deployment of four containerships on bi-weekly basis. Port rotation for CMX service is Qinzhou- Dachan Bay-Port Kelang- Chittagong- Port Kelang- Haiphong- Qinzhou. Port rotation for IVX service is Qinzhou- Dachan Bay-Port Kelang- Chennai- Port Kelang- Chu Lai- Haiphong- Qinzhou. New services will improve logistics efficiency and reduce costs for west inland areas of China, the port said.