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WEC LINES UNVEILS ENHANCED SHORT SEA SERVICES INTO PORTUGAL, SPAIN & THE CANARY ISLANDS

WEC Lines is pleased to unveil the enhanced NWC Portugal and NWC Canary Islands weekly services, connecting Portugal, Spain and the Canary Islands with Northern Europe in a fast, reliable & fully controlled operation.

WEC Lines has revamped both services to ensure shorter transit times and fixed-day, on-time departures. The strategically designed services encompass key ports; the NWC Portugal (NWC PT) service includes Rotterdam, Moerdijk, Antwerp, Vigo, Leixões, Setúbal and Montoir while the NWC Canary Islands (NWC CAI) service includes Hamburg, Thamesport, Moerdijk, Bilbao, Vigo, Leixões, Las Palmas, Santa Cruz, and Sines.

Increased Flexibility & Efficiency

The upgraded NWC Canary Islands service will be operated with three 868-TEU owned vessels in a 21-day rotation, arriving in Las Palmas, Gran Canaria on Thursdays and Santa Cruz de Tenerife on Fridays with regular transshipment to Puerto de Rosario and Arrecife. A new Hamburg call has been included in the fixed rotation, enabling a 5-day transit time ex Leixões or an 8-to-9-day transit ex Canary Islands, and ex Hamburg to Bilbao, Leixões and Canary Islands in 6, 9 and 12-13 days, respectively.

"We are thrilled to see our services meet local demand for reliable shipping, ensuring our community's businesses can efficiently reach wider markets and fostering continued economic growth right here in Gran Canaria, Tenerife and the other Canary Islands," said Miguel Martín, Branch Manager Canarias at WEC Lines.

Continuous Connectivity Enhancements

The NWC Portugal service will be performed by two 1,000-TEU owned vessel in a fixed 14-day rotation. Besides Moerdijk, the revised NWC Portugal service will now also include weekly Vigo and Thamesport calls. Departing Thamesport on Thursdays, arriving in Leixões on Fridays, the service provides clients with a heightened level of flexibility and efficiency, such as rapid end-mile delivery.

Marc Gnurlandino, Head of Line Management WEC Lines points out: "Our commitment to enhancing connectivity, optimizing schedules, and embracing environmentally conscious practices remains at the forefront of our operations," Gnurlandino adds: "The revamp of

the NWC Portugal and NWC Canary Islands services underlines our dedication to meet customer demands while contributing positively to the industry."

Seamless inland Spain Connections

In addition to providing a fast and sustainable alternative to trucking into Spain and the Canary Islands, the NWC CAI service calling Hamburg on Saturdays, Thamesport on Mondays, and Moerdijk on Tuesdays, seamlessly integrates with our connections to the Spanish hinterland between Bilbao and Barcelona, Valencia, Madrid, Zaragoza, and Agoncillo (La Rioja).

For inquiries, bookings, and more information about the new services by WEC Lines, please visit www.weclines.com or contact your local representative.

NWC CAI Sailing Schedule	
Port	Day
Hamburg	Saturday
Thamesport	Monday
Moerdijk	Tuesday
Bilbao	Friday
Vigo	Sunday
Leixões	Monday
Las Palmas	Thursday
Santa Cruz	Friday
Sines	Sunday
Leixões	Monday

NWC PT Sailing Schedule	
Port	Day
Thamesport	Thursday
Moerdijk	Friday
Rotterdam	Saturday
Antwerp	Sunday
Leixões	Friday
Setúbal	Saturday
Vigo	Sunday
Montoir	Tuesday

NOTE TO EDITORS

WEC Lines is a medium-sized container shipping line with intermodal connections via rail and barge. Operating 16 vessels, the carrier has +50 years of experience in connecting Northwestern Europe with Southern Europe, North & East Africa and the Red Sea. Headquartered in Rotterdam, WEC Lines has 17 local offices in e.g. Felixstowe, Hamburg, Antwerp, Barcelona, Lisbon, Casablanca, Mombasa, and Nairobi as well as a large worldwide agency network. The company is continuously exploring ways to further optimize services to its valued customers, fostering sustainability, and delivering superior customer experiences.

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