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WEC LINES EXPANDS ITS NETWORK WITH ENHANCED ISS-PT SERVICE CONNECTING SOUTH SPAIN TO NORTHWEST EUROPE

WEC Lines is pleased to announce the enhancement of its ISS Service, now renamed ISS-PT. Effective 10 September, the renewed weekly short sea service strengthens the WEC Lines network by creating a seamless connection between South Spain and Northwest Europe. Through a strategically positioned transshipment hub in Setúbal, Portugal, the service enables efficient import and export flows between South Spain and WEC Lines' extensive Northwest European network.

The service enhancement responds to growing customer demand for reliable short sea transport between South Spain and Northwest Europe. As a specialist in the Iberian market, WEC Lines continues to invest in strengthening its network, creating new opportunities for customers while offering a sustainable alternative to long-distance road transport.

The renewed ISS-PT service connects the Spanish ports of Valencia, Alicante, Cartagena, Almería, Málaga, Gibraltar, Huelva and Cádiz, together with Nador in Morocco, to Setúbal and Sines in Portugal. Via Setúbal, cargo seamlessly connects to WEC Lines services serving Thamesport, Liverpool, Dublin, Montoir, Antwerp, Moerdijk, Rotterdam and Hamburg, providing customers with reliable import and export connections between South Spain and Northwest Europe.

Operated by two dedicated 868-TEU vessels in a 14-day rotation, the ISS-PT service offers customers greater schedule reliability and flexibility. A wide range of equipment is available, including 45ftHCPW and 40 & 45ft reefer containers for frozen and perishable cargo, enabling the service to accommodate a broad variety of commodities.

Marc Gnurlandino, Head of Line Management at WEC Lines, comments:

"Spain and Portugal have always been at the heart of the WEC Lines network. As demand from South Spain towards Northwest Europe continued to grow, expanding the ISS-PT service was the logical next step. By using Setúbal as a strategic gateway, we have completed an important missing link in our network, enabling customers to benefit from reliable connections while maintaining the flexibility and personal service WEC Lines is known for."

For inquiries, bookings and more information about the ISS-PT service, please visit www.weclines.com or contact your local WEC Lines representative.

Transit times (in days)	Alicante	Cartagena	Almería	Nador	Málaga	Gibraltar	Huelva	Setúbal	Sines	Cádiz	Cartagena	Valencia
Valencia	23 hours	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	-
Alicante	-	10 hours	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	12
Cartagena	-	-	17 hours	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	12
Almería	-	-	-	20 hours	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	10
Nador	-	-	-	-	14 hours	1	2	3	4	5	6	9
Málaga	-	-	-	-	-	10 hours	1	2	3	4	5	8
Gibraltar	-	-	-	-	-	-	18 hours	1	2	3	4	7
Huelva	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21 hours	1	2	3	6
Setúbal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6 hours	1	2	5
Sines	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	4
Cádiz	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3
Cartagena	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2

Northbound Transit times to NWC*

	Liverpool	Dublin	Montoir	Thamesport	Moerdijk	Rotterdam	Antwerp	Hamburg
Cartagena	9 days	10 days	9 days	11 days	12 days	13 days	14 days	14 days
Almería	8 days	9 days	8 days	10 days	11 days	12 days	13 days	13 days
Málaga	6 days	7 days	6 days	8 days	9 days	10 days	11 days	11 days
Huelva	4 days	5 days	4 days	6 days	7 days	8 days	9 days	9 days
Setúbal	3 days	4 days	3 days	5 days	6 days	7 days	8 days	8 days

* Including average dwell time in the t/s port.

NOTE TO EDITORS

WEC Lines is a medium-sized container shipping line with intermodal connections via rail and barge. Operating 18 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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