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Qingdao to Valparaiso

- POL: Qingdao
- POD: Valparaiso
- ✤ Transit: 39 days
- Frequency: Weekly
- First sailing: SONG YUN HE V.0515 / 14-Aug-2014



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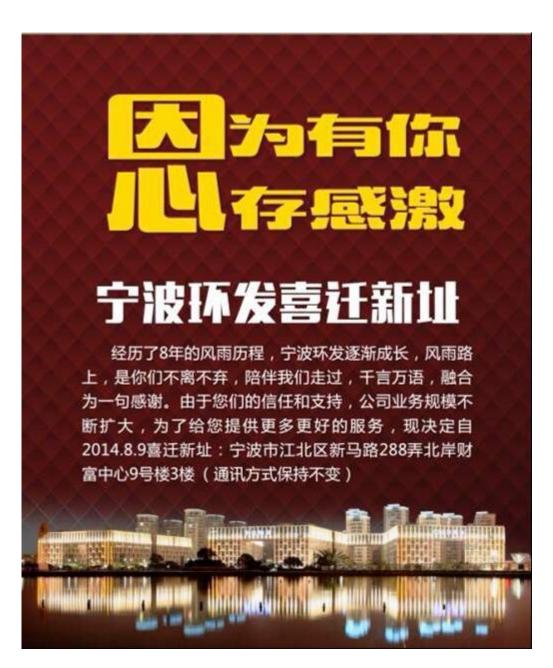
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Globelink Ningbo: Relocation Notice

With effect from 9 August 2014, Globelink Ningbo office will be relocated to the below address. Contact numbers remain unchanged.

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INDUSTRY NEWS

Maersk and MSC to attempt new east-west alliance

Maersk Line and Mediterranean Shipping Co. are planning a huge 10-year vessel-sharing agreement early next year in the Asia-Europe, trans-Pacific and trans-Atlantic trades as the carriers strive to better utilize capacity in the wake of their failed bid to launch the P3 Network.

The VSA, if it's approved by regulators, will be referred to as 2M and will replace all existing vessel and slot purchase agreements that Maersk Line has in these trades, Maersk said in a statement. It comes less than a month after China rejected the P3 Network application by Maersk, MSC and CMA CGM to operate in mainland ports, a move that stunned the industry and scuppered the ambitious alliance.

This new agreement between the world's two biggest carriers leaves CMA CGM out in the cold. A total of 185 vessels with an estimated capacity of 2.1 million TEU will be deployed on 21 strings with Maersk supplying 55 percent of the capacity and 45 percent coming from MSC. Maersk and MSC will be able to cover more ports with direct services and improve efficiency through better utilization of vessel capacity and economies of scale.

"I am very pleased with our agreement with MSC. We share the same ambition to have as efficient and effective operations as possible," said Søren Skou, Maersk Line CEO.

Skou said to provide customers with competitive and reliable container shipping in the east-west trades at attractive prices the line needed to take out cost while maintaining coverage, frequency and reliability.

Maersk Group CEO Nils Andersen said the agreement with MSC would improve its competitive cost position while reducing CO2 emissions.

"MSC is pleased to have reached this agreement with Maersk Line," said Diego Aponte, MSC vice president. "It represents another positive step in our continual drive to enhance our operational network in terms of scope, scale, efficiency and reliability. Our customers will be able to enjoy these benefits alongside the world class customer service that has been the cornerstone of our business since our formation in 1970."

Aponte said the new vessel-sharing agreement will enable MSC to move forward on its sustainability effort and "achieve significant reductions in fuel consumption, driving down the carbon footprint of (its) shipping operations."

The starting date depends on the filing of information to the relevant authorities in the many jurisdictions that will be covered by the carriers, and in some cases will require regulatory approval. With the memories of China's rejection last month still raw, Maersk was quick to distance the new 2M from the P3 that would have included CMA CGM.

The 2M agreement differs from the earlier proposed P3 alliance with a far smaller combined market share and the cooperation is a pure vessel sharing agreement, Maersk stated. There will be no jointly owned independent entity with executional powers.

One of the reasons China rejected the P3 was because of the huge market share that would have been controlled by the three members of the alliance. On the Asia-Europe trade the P3 share would have topped 47 percent.

SeaIntel CEO Lars Jensen told the JOC that regulators would be less troubled over the 2M deal as the market share was smaller without CMA CGM. "Everything is also kept in two separate companies, making it less of a merger as the Chinese saw it (P3)," he said.

Maersk's statement outlined the details of the new 2M agreement:

- The VSA will improve the network efficiency and allow for lower slot costs through improved utilisation of vessel capacity and economies of scale.
- The VSA will provide more sailings and direct port pairs than the parties offer today individually.
- The VSA includes 185 vessels with an estimated capacity of 2.1 million TEUs in 21 strings in the Asia-Europe, trans-Atlantic (Europe-U.S. East Coast) and trans-Pacific (Asia-US East and West Coast) trades.
- The 21 strings are split as follows: Asia-North Europe, 6: Asia-Mediterranean, 4; Asia-U.S. West Coast, 4; Asia-U.S. East Coast, 2; North Europe-U.S., 3; Mediterranean-U.S., 2.
- Maersk Line will contribute with approximately 110 vessels with a nominal capacity of 1.2 million TEUs (55 percent of the total capacity).
- MSC will contribute with approximately 75 vessels with a nominal capacity of 900,000 TEUs (45 percent of the total capacity).
- Vessels deployed in the VSA will continue to be owned (or chartered) and operated by the two individual lines.
- The VSA does not include joint marine operations. Each party will execute their own operations including stowage, voyage planning and port operations.
- The VSA does not include any commercial tasks or responsibilities. Each party will continue to have fully independent sales, pricing, marketing, and customer service functions.
- A joint coordination committee will monitor the network on a daily basis.
- The duration of the VSA is 10 years, beginning early 2015.

Source: JOC.com

WORLD HOLIDAYS



Pakistan **Costa Rica** 15 Aug Assumption Day 14 Aug Independence Day Croatia Portugal 05 Aug Victory and Homeland 15 Aug Assumption Day Thanksgiving Day Assumption of Mary Romania 15 Aug 15 Aug Assumption Day Guatemala 15 Aug Assumption of Mary Singapore 09 Aug National Day India 15 Aug Independence Day* Slovenia Ganesh Chaturthi 29 Aug 15 Aug Assumption Day *Only these holidays are observed throughout India. Spain Indonesia 15 Aug Assumption Day 17 – 18 Aug Independence Day Sri Lanka Korea 10 Aug Nikini Full Moon Poya Day 15 Aug Liberation Day Thailand Malaysia The Queen's Birthday 12 Aug 31 Aug National Day **Turkey** Morocco 30 Aug Victory Day 14 Aug Oued Ed-Dahab Day 20 Aug **Revolution Day** UK 21 Aug King Mohammed IV's Birthday 25 Aug Summer Bank Holiday

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