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### Maersk Logistics launches service to cut carbon in supply chain

MAERSK Logistics, part of the AP Moller-Maersk Group, has announced the global launch of a new carbon footprint reduction service called the SupplyChain CarbonCheck.

A company statement explained that the new initiative is a consulting service aimed at supporting companies in reducing carbon emissions from supply chains.

"An increasing number of customers are showing interest in their carbon footprint from supply-chain related activities and are asking us for ways to reduce it," said Maersk Logistics chief Henrik Ramskov.

Said supply chain development head Erling Nielsen: "With our new service offering, Maersk Logistics identifies and implements solutions for reducing carbon emissions in our customers' supply chains."



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### **Goldman Sachs report says box shipping outlook 'less certain'**

THE GOLDMAN Sachs Group says the earnings outlook for the container shipping sector in the Asia Pacific region looks "less certain" than the bulker freight market which is expected to see earnings growth accelerate in the fourth quarter of the 2007 calendar year.

To underline the group's view it pointed to the strong third quarter results in the bulker freight market reported by U-Ming Marine and China Shipping.

By comparison, its forecast for the container shipping market was less rosy, saying: "While container freight rates have rebounded, we believe there is a risk that persistently high operating costs may dampen the anticipated recovery in earnings," Goldman's Global Investment Research report said.

The group said in the report, which it released in October, that it was "more concerned about the likelihood of a (freight) rate correction by 2H" in the container shipping market.

With regard to the performance of airlines serving Asia Pacific trade routes, the Goldman report gave a more upbeat forecast, saying: "In our view, earnings growth should be fairly robust, given the strong passenger traffic in Asia on the back of a robust regional economy."

It attributed its positive outlook for airlines serving the market to its belief that airlines were likely "able to pass on higher costs (mainly jet fuel) through higher fuel surcharges. We believe a non-consensus stabilisation in cargo yields could provide upside earnings surprise".



### **GreenCarrier signs agreement with NVO Transport BV**

GREENCARRIER, the logistics arm of the Sweden's Bjork.Eklund Group, has signed an exclusive transport agreement with NVO Transport BV, based in Groningen, Netherlands.

NVO, a large Dutch haulage company, has 40 years' experience in the transport of goods to and from Scandinavia." With this partnership we will improve our services significantly," said GreenCarrier managing director Niklas Olson. "We offer several departures to and from the Netherlands per day and provide express and temperature-controlled services for a wide variety of products."

Said NVO managing director Douwe Drijfhout: "Both GreenCarrier and NVO are renowned for offering reliable and cost-efficient transport solutions. Therefore I am confident that we will continue to be the preferred choice."



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### **United starts services from LA to Hong Kong and from Washington to Rio**

UNITED Airlines has launched two new services from Los Angeles to Hong Kong and from Washington to Rio de Janeiro.

Flight 867 departs Los Angeles International Airport at 1210 hrs Sundays and lands Mondays at Hong Kong International Airport at 0640 hrs local time. United Flight 856 will depart 1220 hrs Mondays from Hong Kong, arriving 0935 hrs on the same day in Los Angeles.

The B747 carries 12 tons of cargo per flight between the US and Hong Kong and B767s can take the same among between Washington and Rio.

The seasonal direct service from Washington to Rio de Janeiro will begin Sunday on Flight 873, departing Washington-Dulles at 0938 hrs and arriving the following day in Rio de Janeiro at 0925 hrs. United Flight 874 is scheduled to depart Rio de Janeiro at 2205 hrs and arrives at Dulles at 0623 hrs the next day.



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### **Lufthansa Cargo shifts freighter flight base from Cologne to Leipzig**

LUFTHANSA Cargo has inaugurated its shift of 21 freighter flights from Cologne to Leipzig-Halle Airport with the recent takeoff for Singapore of Flight LH8410's an MD-11.

"Leipzig will now become the most important freighter location for Lufthansa Cargo after Frankfurt," said Lufthansa Cargo CEO Carsten Spohr.

Henceforth there will be 21 weekly flights within the joint venture with DHL Express, since the beginning of the winter timetable that links Lufthansa Cargo with logistics centres in Asia and the US.

Mr Spohr also announced that Lufthansa Cargo will build a EUR25 million logistics centre at Leipzig-Halle by spring 2009. After that, Leipzig-Halle will become the home base of the new joint freight airline of DHL Express and Lufthansa Cargo. With eleven new Boeing 777-200 LRF freighters, the airline will mainly serve destinations in Asia, but also in the US.



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### **EGSAC GSSA newboy Transnautic Aero wins two more contracts**

TRANSNAUTIC Aero Poland, the newest member of the EGSAC GSSA network, has won two more contracts to represent large regional airlines, just two months after it opened for business.

Transnautic has been appointed by airBaltic as its offline GSSA for Poland from November 1. Cargo will be fed into the airline's system using road feeders from Warsaw to its twin hubs at Riga and Vilnius. AirBaltic serves 48 destinations throughout the Baltic States, Europe, Eastern Europe, the Nordics, the former Soviet Union, and the Middle East using B737s and Fokker 50s.

Transnautic also has a contract to represent Coyne Airways in Poland from November 22. Transnautic will feed Coyne's regular B747 freighter flights from Cologne to the Caspian oil states, Iraq and Afghanistan, using regular road feeders.

Both carriers are also represented by Transnautic in Germany, and both also use other EGSAC members for representation in other markets.

"It is very good to add two more carriers to our portfolio at such an early stage. We can now offer many more destinations," said Transnautic managing director Waldemar Rybak. "With a very strong, growing economy in Poland, the market needs all destinations and capacity it can get."

Transnautic Aero Poland's first customer was Norwegian Air Shuttle. It also represents many of its German parent's airline principals on a sub-agency offline. Transnautic has offices at Germany's top seven cargo airports, together with bases in Paris and Moscow. The company is one of the founding members of the EGSAC network, which has 60 offices in more than 30 countries.



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### **Port of Shanghai to increase container handling charge next year**

SHANGHAI International Port Group (SIPG) announced that it will increase the container handling charges of Waigaoqiao and Yangshan from 10-21 per cent starting January 1, Xinhua reported.

The container handling charge of Waigaoqiao port will increase 10 per cent to CNY566.5 (US\$75.97) while the charge at Yangshan port will rise 21 per cent to CNY515.

With the adjustment, SIPG revenue in 2008 is expected to grow to CNY900 million, the report said.



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### **Containerships grounded in Russia's dried up River Don**

More than 50 containerships are stuck in shallow waters on the River Don in western Russia as strong easterly winds are being blamed for falling water levels in the country's fourth largest river, causing traffic jams lasting more than a week, reported the Russian news agency Novosti.

It's feared all movement along the river may be blocked as water has fallen half a metre below its normal level, leaving ships grounded. Sailors blame temporary weather conditions, but climatologists say the Don is growing shallower each year.



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### **Ningbo-Japan trade up 20pc in first three quarters**

STATISTICS of Ningbo customs show trade value between Ningbo and Japan rose 19.7 per cent in the first three quarters to US\$4.32 billion, Xinhua reported.

Exports from Ningbo to Japan increased 11.1 per cent to \$2.01 billion, while imports up 28.3 per cent to \$2.31 billion during the three quarters, the report said.

Foreign-invested companies dominated Ningbo-Japan trade by handling \$2.52 billion cargo, accounting for 58.4 per cent in the total trade value between Ningbo and Japan, the report said.



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### **Cosco Antwerp first ship to dock at new Prince Rupert container port**

THE 5,400-TEU Cosco Antwerp has arrived at the new Canadian west coast port of Prince Rupert after more than a decade of planning and building to create the facility that stands to relieve growing congestion at the ports of Vancouver, Los Angeles and Long Beach.

"When the Cosco Antwerp touched the shores of the Fairview Container Terminal, the ship activated the first new transpacific trade corridor to be created on this continent in 100 years," said Prince Rupert Port Authority (PRPA) chairman Dale MacLean.

From Prince Rupert, the Canadian National Railway provides shippers with door-to-door transportation throughout the North American continent, said a statement from the port authority.

"Containers are loaded onto railcars immediately after discharge and are expedited through a network to eastern destinations including Chicago, Memphis, Toronto and Montreal. This new express route to mid-continental North America will assist manufacturers and retailers to lower inventory costs and improve their overall supply chain economics," said the statement.

"We were in the enviable position of building, not only this state-of-the-art container terminal, but a high-efficiency express trade corridor virtually from the ground up," said PRPA chief executive Don Krusel.

The first ship's cargo originated in Hong Kong, Yantian, Qingdao, Dalian, Xiamen and Yokohama as part of the CKYH Alliance's Pacific Northwest Butterfly South Loop service, of which Cosco is one of four shipping lines that will see a 5,400-TEU ship call weekly.

"Cosco's vision is clear," said Cosco vice president Dave Bedwell. "Cosco will be able to build on the advantages and become a long-term supporter of the gateway in Prince Rupert."

The collaboration between the Canadian and United States border services to review manifests before containers are loaded in Asia and to collectively identify containers to be opened and examined in Prince Rupert means CN trains will only be slowed down to pass the rail cars through security scanners at the border before entering the US.



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