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OOCL TIDINGS

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TRADE

EUROPE TO FAR EAST TRADE – GENERAL RATE INCREASE

We would like to remind you of the implementation of a GRI for all Eastbound cargo to come into effect on **February 15, 2012** at the level of **USD 200/cntr** for both dry and reefer containers.

FAR EAST & INDIA-PAKISTAN & MIDDLE EAST TO EUROPE TRADES – REVENUE RESTORATION PROGRAMME

We would also like to reiterate that with effect from **March 1 2012**, freight rate for the westbound traffic from Asia to Europe, will be increased by USD 800 per TEU. It covers shipment from the Far East (except Japan) to North Europe, the Mediterranean and the Black Sea.

Please kindly note as well that OOCL will implement a General Rate Increase of **USD 225 per TEU**, applicable to all westbound shipments from India, Pakistan and Middle East to North Europe, **effective from February 8, 2012**.

FAR EAST TRADE – TERMINAL HANDLING CHARGES IN CHINA

We have been advised of an increase in the level for the terminal handling charges to come into effect on **February 17, 2012**. New levels are : **CNY 750/20ft – CNY 1100/40ft**. Charges apply to both EB and WB shipments but are not applicable for Guangdong, Guangxi, Yunnan and Hainan.

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GENERAL

EUROPE- USA – ADDITIONAL BALTIMORE CALL

From medio-February 2012 our GMX (Gulf Mexico Express Service) will get extended port coverage by adding a weekly westbound call at the port of Baltimore, MD. First sailing will be the Heidelberg Express 058W – ETS Antwerp on 13th February 2012.

<http://www.oocl.com/eng/ourservices/serviceroutes/tat/Pages/default.aspx>

ATLANTIC EXPRESS SERVICE - UPGRADE

As from end February 2012 the ATX service will be upgraded by four larger vessels of 5,400 TEU to continue providing competitive, efficient and stable weekly fixed-day services. The current port rotation will be maintained : Rotterdam – Hamburg - Le Havre – Southampton - New York – Norfolk - Charleston

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NEW FAR EAST-EUROPE ALLIANCE

Six carriers, nine services with fast transit times, improved port coverage;
More than 90 ships, covering more than 40 ports in Asia, Europe and Mediterranean;
Includes Bohai and Baltic loops

The comprehensive agreement will bring together members of The New World and Grand alliances to create The G6 Alliance. New World Alliance members are APL, Hyundai Merchant Marine, and Mitsui O.S.K Lines. Grand Alliance members are Hapag-Lloyd AG, Nippon Yusen Kaisha and Orient Overseas Container Line.

The new alliance is now scheduled to begin operations first week of March 2012 and will launch six services between Asia and North Europe. Those serving Japanese ports will commence after completion of consultations with the Japan Harbor Transportation Association and labor unions. A seventh service will follow when it can be supported by sustainable trade conditions. The service will provide direct coverage to the Bohai Bay ports in Dalian and Xingang.

The G6 Alliance will continue the existing Asia-Mediterranean Express Service (EUM) and will also launch a new Asia-Black Sea Express service (ABX) in the first week of April.

It will also include a direct Far East-Baltic service with calls at Gdansk, Poland and Gothenburg, Sweden as well as transshipment in Singapore.

The new alliance will be characterized by fast transit times, broad port coverage and the latest vessels, with capacities of up to 14,000 TEU.

The nine joint services will offer more frequent departures with daily sailings from the major Asian, European and Mediterranean ports. The schedule will include multiple weekly calls at Singapore, South China, Rotterdam, Hamburg, Hong Kong Shanghai and Southampton.

The ports of call also include Le Havre, Antwerp, Bremerhaven, Thamesport, the Bohai Bay ports of Dalian and Xingang, Ningbo, Qingdao, Xiamen, Kaohsiung, Cai Mep, Japanese ports, Colombo, Jeddah, and Port Said.

For details of the The base-plan port rotation of the nine loops visit :

<http://www.oocl.com/eng/pressandmedia/pressreleases/2012/Pages/08feb12.aspx>

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OOCL PROVIDES DANGEROUS GOODS PLACARDING REFERENCE ON BOOKING ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

As OOCL's extended effort to promote the safe transport of dangerous goods (DG), and to better support OOCL DG Shippers who are required to comply with the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG Code) set out by the International Maritime Organization (IMO), DG placarding reference material is now added to the Booking Acknowledgement of DG shipments.

For EACH type of DG commodity booked, a web path will be added to the Booking Acknowledgement which brings our customers to a pdf file of placarding, marks and signs requirements, plus instructions on how to affix them to the cargo transport unit as stipulated in the relevant regulatory publications.

For more info: <http://www.oocl.com/eng/aboutoocl/customerservice/Pages/dgplacard.aspx>

TRACK YOUR CARBON FOOTPRINT VIA OOCL'S MOBILE CARBON CALCULATOR

The OOCL Carbon Calculator demonstrates OOCL's commitment to environmental care and will help our customers achieve the lowest possible carbon footprint in their end-to-end supply chain.

Through OOCL Lite and OOCL Mobile Version, customers, simply input the origin and destination, and the volume in Ton or Teu. The carbon emission details will then be displayed. If there are multiple routes available, customers can also select the preferred route for the corresponding information.

The Carbon Calculator is also available on www.OOCL.com.

OOCL OFFICE IN MEXICO

We are pleased to announce that OOCL has opened its own office, OOCL (Mexico) S.A. de C.V. in Mexico City as from the beginning of the month.

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