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## **EVERGREEN** deploys post-Panamax containerships on Far East-Europe service

With the EVER LAMBENT, on 1 September 2012 the Taiwanese EVERGREEN LINE's largest-ever containership berthed in the Port of Hamburg on her maiden voyage. This post-Panamax vessel with a slot capacity of 8,500 TEU (20-ft standard containers) was handled at HHLA's Container Terminal Burchardkai (CTB).

The EVER LAMBENT is 334.80 metres long, with a width of 45.80 metres, and has 942 reefer connections and a maximum draft of 14.20 metres. The EVER LAMBENT is the first of a total of 30 new EVERGREEN containerships which as the L series have a slot capacity of 8,500 TEU. The newbuilding will be deployed on the CEM service operated jointly with the Korean shipping company HANJIN that comprises altogether ten vessels between 8,500 and 10,000 TEU sailing on the Far East – Northern Europe route. The port rotation on this service is Hamburg, Rotterdam, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Ningbo, Yantian, Hong Kong and Felixstowe.

Roger Huang, Managing Director EVERGREEN Shipping Agency (Germany), together with other representatives of EVERGREEN LINE, HHLA and Port of Hamburg Marketing welcomed the captain of the EVER LAMBENT, Chen-Li Wen, on this first call in Hamburg. As a welcome token from the Hamburg Port Authority (HPA), the master of the EVER LAMBENT was presented with a Hamburg Admiralty plaque by Uwe Harfenmeister of the Nautical Operations Centre.

In 2011 altogether 5.2 million TEU were carried on container services between the Port of Hamburg and Asia. "We sincerely hope for an early start to the deepening of

the navigational channel on the Lower and Outer Elbe. Completion of this work will further boost Hamburg's attractiveness as the European hub port for large containerships such as the EVER LAMBENT," said Roger Huang.

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