

London Thamesport Gains West African Ro-Ro Service



RMR Shipping's Ro-Ro vessel *Dresden* making its first call at London Thamesport
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The Netherlands-based RMR Shipping has chosen London Thamesport to handle the UK call of its North West Europe - West Africa Ro-Ro service.

The first call of the service was made by the 176-metre long Ro-Ro vessel *Dresden* on 25 May 2014. The vessel has the versatility to handle a wide variety of cargoes through quarter and side ramps which allow cargo to be loaded and discharged directly onto the quay. It has the capacity to hold some 4,000 + cars and Ro-Ro units on various fully enclosed decks.

RMR Shipping offers a fortnightly service carrying a variety of general and wheeled cargoes to Lagos (Nigeria), Dakar (Senegal) and Abidjan (Ivory Coast). Project and conventional cargoes are also accepted utilising the lines own Mafi trailers.

RMR are represented in the UK by general agent AB Global Logistics Limited.

Clemence Cheng, Chief Executive Officer of Hutchison Ports (UK) Limited, owners and operators of London Thamesport, said:

“We welcome RMR Shipping to the Port with this new North West Europe - West Africa Ro-Ro service. London Thamesport has the flexibility and the workforce to meet a huge range of customer needs and we are confident in our ability to provide an excellent service to RMR Shipping and their customers. Additionally, we believe that the decision taken by RMR Shipping to move to London Thamesport will prove to be a positive move for the Line and their customers.”

Martin Fleet, Director of AB Global Logistics Limited, said:

“We are very excited at the move to London Thamesport, with our bi-monthly service and the introduction of the stern quarter ramp vessels. The port facilities are of a very high standard and the cooperation with all the staff within the port has been exceptional. We feel the location of Thamesport will be a positive move for all the clients and their cargoes. We look forward to this new and positive relationship.”

London Thamesport can handle a variety of deep and shallow-drafted vessels carrying a broad range of cargoes including Containers, Break-bulk, Ro-Ro and Project Cargoes, without the inconvenience of a sea lock and with a substantial secure land-side storage area. The efficient shipside operation, fast turn-around time of vessels and road vehicles allows London Thamesport to provide its customers with a cost-efficient service in the heart of south-east England.

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