



# Press Release

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## **OPDR launches new service: POSS offers fastest service between Southern Spain and the U.K.**

**OPDR, as part of the CMA CGM Group, is pleased to announce the introduction of its new POSS service. The service connects northern Continental Europe and the United Kingdom with Portugal and Southern Spain. The new link will service the Port of Seville which provides excellent hinterland connections by rail and truck to Madrid and the rest of Spain. With only four days from Andalusia to the U.K., the new POSS offers the fastest transit in the market on this link.**

Following the successful start of the Joint Venture between OPDR and Boluda in the Port of Seville, the short sea expert OPDR has introduced a new service. The new weekly POSS service links the English Port of Tilbury with Rotterdam, Setúbal and the south of Spain through Seville. With a transit time of only four days from Andalusia to Tilbury, this new service offers the fastest connection from Southern Spain to the United Kingdom in the market.

The Port of Seville takes a special position in the new POSS service. The inland seaport, whose container terminal is managed by OPDR and Boluda, provides an ideal hinterland connection and perfectly links Seville with Madrid by truck and rail. Together with the established SECI service, which connects the Canary Islands with the Spanish mainland, OPDR now offers five Seville calls per week. The biggest port in Europe – the Port of Rotterdam – is linked with Seville in only seven days.

Three ships are deployed in the new POSS service and will mainly carry refrigerated goods. As usual, this service also stresses OPDR's customer-oriented approach: All ships are equipped to carry pallet-wide equipment and therefore enable customers to ship more goods per container.

For latest daily schedules and weekly updates please refer to OPDR Operational Schedule on [www.opdr.com/en/schedules.html](http://www.opdr.com/en/schedules.html)



*The OPDR Tanger in the Port of Seville*

#### **About OPDR**

The Oldenburg-Portugiesische Dampfschiffs-Rhederei (OPDR) has offered transport solutions within Europe as well as to and from Morocco for over 130 years. As a logistics company OPDR today offers tailor-made integrated supply chain solutions. A strong network in more than 25 European, North and West African countries ensures high standards of reliability and quality. The OPDR headquarters is based in Hamburg. The company employs over 250 people. Since July 2015, the OPDR Group is part of the CMA CGM Group and teams up with the UK-based MacAndrews & Company Ltd. Since July 2015, the OPDR Group is part of the CMA CGM Group and teams up with the UK-based MacAndrews & Company Ltd.

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