



OPDR EXPANDS SERVICE AT TILBURY

Increase in Canaries service calls at London Container Terminal

Short-sea shipping and logistics specialist Oldenburg-Portugiesische Dampfschiffs-Rhederei (OPDR) has announced today (7 January 2014) an expansion to their existing service to Tilbury's, London Container Terminal (LCT).

In November last year, LCT announced an agreement with OPDR to handle over 200 calls per annum for OPDR services on their routes between the Iberian Peninsula including the Canary Islands, North Africa and the UK.

Starting in week two of January 2014, additional OPDR services will include a further two calls per week of the CISS - Canary Island Services to Tilbury.

OPDR's recently launched Bilbao service which sees four vessels, each with a capacity of 700 TEU, on a weekly service connecting Bilbao with Tilbury within two transit days, was the first call which moved to Tilbury in December with a delivery of potatoes onboard the MV OPDR *Cadiz*.

Chief Executive Officer of OPDR, Till Ole Barrelet, said: *"We are looking forward to consolidating all our services to London Container Terminal and to developing our cooperation further."*

Commenting on the expansion, **Perry Glading, Chief Operating Officer of Forth Ports** (owners of London Container Terminal) said: *"We are enjoying working with OPDR and this expansion of their services is testament to London Container Terminal's perfect shipping location for OPDR's short-sea services."*

LCT handles in excess of half a million containers per year, and is the only UK port truly servicing both deep sea and short sea customers.

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About OPDR

- The Oldenburg-Portugiesische Dampfschiffs-Rhederei (OPDR) has offered transport solutions within Europe as well as to and from Africa for over 130 years.
- As a Logistics Company OPDR today offers tailor-made integrated supply chain solutions. A state-of-the-art vessel and container fleet as well as a strong network in more than 20 European, North and West African countries ensure high standards of reliability and quality.
- OPDR is headquartered in Hamburg and employs over 300 staff on shore as well as at sea.
- The company is part of the Bernhard Schulte Group.
www.opdr.com

About London Container Terminal

- Forth Ports acquired fully Tilbury Container Terminal in January 2012, having bought out then joint owners DP World and Associated British Ports. Now rebranded as London Container Terminal, it is the UK's third largest container port. The deep-sea terminal is located on the Thames and is a key shipping and distribution location with unrivalled access to London and the South East. It is a busy terminal, handling around 320,000 containers last year, an increase of 2.4% from 2010, and has a strong trading position with the North/South reefer trades primarily South America and South Africa and has strong links with a number of other deep sea trades. The Port of Tilbury also runs a successful short sea business which handled around 130,000 containers in 2011, up 7.6% from 2010. The short sea business provides regular links to Continental Europe and to other UK coastal feeder locations.
- The upgrading of the existing facilities at the Port of Tilbury and LCT are part of a larger project involving significant investment to ensure customers receive the best service possible.
- www.londoncontainerterminal.co.uk

About Forth Ports

- Forth Ports Limited owns and operates eight commercial ports in the UK – Tilbury on the Thames, Dundee on the Firth of Tay and six on the Firth of Forth – Leith, Grangemouth, Rosyth, Methil, Burntisland and Kirkcaldy. It also has a business, Nordic, which operates out of Chatham in Kent and Tilbury, which is engaged in port activities and recycling.
- www.forthports.co.uk
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