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DAY ONE – Wednesday 11th May 2022

08:20 Coffee & Registration

08:50 Chairman's Welcome

Nick Lambert, Director, NLA International Ltd

SESSION 1: MARKET SECTOR OVERVIEW: INDUSTRY CHALLENGES AND NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR SHORT SEA & FEEDER SHIPPING

09:00 Port's Welcome Address

Luc Arnouts, Vice President & Director International Networks, Port of Antwerp

09:20 Keynote Address – Challenges create opportunities

Nils Minor, General Manager Sales West & Central Europe, Unifeeder A/S

The sustainability factor in transport purchasing is becoming more important for shippers. Shortsea is a solution for shippers to convert conventional road transport into multimodal transport solutions, to decrease the carbon footprint on transport. Multiple Unifeeder initiatives on digitalization and innovation, are supporting this by increasing efficiency and visibility to supply chains.

09:40 It takes two to tango!

Catrien Scheers, Chairman, Fast Group Belgium

What are the opportunities and challenges of Short Sea Shipping. We all dream of a better more sustainable world. How can shipping contribute to achieving the 17 SDG's?

10:00 Post Brexit Ro Ro Rebound-disrupting supply chain geography

John Lucy, Director – Liverpool Freeport, Liverpool City Region Combined Authority

Post Brexit Ro Ro changes and how has the short sea shipping sector reacted? Routing and modal challenges the short sea routes have experienced so far and opportunities to come. Expected trends in UK-EU Ro Ro traffic.

10:20 Q&A

10:40 Coffee & Networking

11:10 PANEL DISCUSSION: Industry Challenges & New Opportunities

Panel Moderator: *Nick Lambert, Director, NLA International*

Panellists include: *Richard Newton, Commercial Director – Logistics, Port of Tyne*

Andrea Bucella, Port Labour and Port Operations Unit, North Adriatic Sea Port Authority

Jolke Helbing, Director, Royal Haskoning DHV Ocean Shipping Consultants

*Robert Merrylees, Policy Manager, UK Chamber of Shipping**

12:30 Lunch & Networking

SESSION 2: BUILDING CONNECTIVITY & NETWORKS FOR THE FUTURE – LINKING SHORT SEA SHIPPING TO INTERMODAL TRANSPORT ROUTES

13:50 Opening Address

Patrick Verhoeven, Managing Director, International Association of Ports and Harbors

14:00 Challenges and innovations in last mile port and hinterland railway operations

Dr Iven Kraemer, Head of Department - Port Economy, Infrastructure, Shipping, The Ministry for Science and Ports – Bremen

How to improve the modal share of rail in ports and hinterland operations?

The answer is Shunt-E, an autonomous locomotive that will speed up procedures, save capacities, better utilise rare infrastructures.

14:20 A look at the recent evolution of Peel Ports

Stephen Carr, Commercial Director, Peel Ports

Liverpool hub – how its role in a smarter, door-to-door supply chain has driven commercial and investment decisions

14:40 Zeebrugge's shortsea shipping sustained by a vast state-of-the-art railway network

Lieve Duprez, Chief Officer Shortsea, Port of Zeebrugge

The main shortsea terminals in Zeebrugge are daily linked to the European hinterland – strong focus on Italy - through a high frequency of railway connections. The cargo is shipped to various markets in the UK, Scandinavia, the Baltic region and Southern Europe

- 15:00 Q&A**
- 15:20 Coffee & Networking**
- 15:50 PANEL DISCUSSION: Joining the dots: Connecting short sea shipping with other modes**
Panel Moderator: *Alex Veitch, Deputy Director - Public Policy, Logistics UK*
Panellists include: *Ron Buitelaar, Chief Commercial Officer, Cofano Software Solutions BV*
Jan Cuyt, Business Development Advisor Customer Relations – Shipping Lines KR/SHL, Antwerp Port Authority
Joost Hintjens, Researcher, Transport, Logistics & Ports Department of Transport & Regional Economics, University of Antwerp
- 17:20 Conference Day 1 Wrap-Up – Chair**
- 17:30 Conference Close**
- 18:00 Evening Drinks Reception & Conference Dinner**

DAY TWO – Thursday 12th May 2022

- 08:20 Coffee & Registration**

SESSION 3: LOOKING TO THE FUTURE – IMPROVING EFFICIENCIES THROUGH DIGITALISATION & INNOVATION

- 08:40 Chairman's Opening & Summary of Day 1**
Nick Lambert, Director, NLA International Ltd
- 08:50 Gold Sponsor's Address, NAVTEK Naval Technologies Inc**
- 09:00 Keynote Address**
Port efficiency and smart communication - key elements for lowering shipping's carbon emissions
Lars Robert Pedersen, Deputy Secretary General, BIMCO
To reap the benefits from just-in-time port calls and thereby lower the general speed in the fleet, standardisation of communication between ships and ports is a pre-requisite. BIMCO is engaged with the World Customs Organisation, UNECE and ISO at IMO to develop the necessary elements to enable machine to machine communication in this field. This talk will elaborate on the potential benefits and what needs to be done.
- 09:20 Any port in a storm: Managing risk from climate and operational change**
Dr Mark Lawless, Director, JBA Consulting
JBA Consulting's Forecoast Marine System has been configured in a highly innovative new service to assist ports in mitigating operational risk, through a combination of advanced simulation and analytics
- 09:40 The UK's first Maritime Innovation Hub – how can you reap the benefits?**
Ian Blake, Head of Information Technology, Port of Tyne
An insight into the UK's first Maritime Innovation Hub, sited at the Port of Tyne, looking at the efficiencies that can be made through communication, collaboration and innovation in the Maritime Industry.
- 10:00 Presentation title - TBC**
Raoul Tan, Director at Naviporta, Port of Rotterdam
Sharing our vision on how collaboration and co-creation are vital for the port industry, including multiple digital innovation best practices.
- 10:20 Q&A**
- 10:40 Coffee & Networking**
- 11:10 PANEL DISCUSSION – Digitalisation & Innovation - Can we benefit from this now?**
Panel Moderator: *Nick Lambert, Director, NLA International*
Panellists include:
James Cowles, Business Development Manager, L3Harris
Norbert Kouwenhoven, Strategy & Innovation Advisor, Dutch Customs Authority
Cathy Hodge, COO & Co Founder, Smart Maritime Network
Richard Ballantyne, Chief Executive, British Ports Association
- 12:20 Conference Wrap up by Chairman**
- 12:30 Lunch & Networking**
- 13:30 – 16:30 TECHNICAL VISIT**
Short sea shipping terminal tour incorporating rail and barge intermodal transport links.

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