

Press release

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Maiden call of the mega containership

“MOL Triumph”

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The “MOL Triumph” containership will call at Le Havre on Monday May 22nd, for her maiden call. The new vessel of the Japanese shipping line Mitsui OSK Lines (MOL) is the first ship to pass the symbolic mark of 20,000 TEU in capacity. Built in South Korea by the shipyard Samsung Heavy Industries, the “MOL Triumph” posts a capacity of 20,170 TEU; she is 400 m long and 58.8 m broad.

This new sea giant vessel is one of the six vessels ordered by MOL. She has been operating on the shipping route FE2 between Northern Europe and Asia within the “THE Alliance” since the month of April. With this new shipping service, HAROPA - Port of Le Havre is directly connected to the ports in the north of China especially (very competitive transit times both on import and export). The ports of call when sailing from HAROPA ports are Jebel Ali, Hong Kong, Qingdao, Xingang, Dalian, Shanghai and Ningbo.



The “eco-sailing” at the service of world trade

“The ‘MOL Triumph’ concentrates high levels of eco-technology both as regards her design, her fittings, painting and capacity to use LNG fuel. In addition, MOL practises the “eco-sailing” which means steering the vessel saving the energy used at the maximum while guaranteeing the call time schedule” **Akihiko Ono** explained, as the **Senior Managing Executive Officer of the liner department of MOL.**

“The best ports are also needed in order to accommodate the largest vessels, reminded **Baptiste Maurand, Deputy CEO of the Port of Le Havre Authority.** *Port 2000 was designed to berth the largest vessels in operation today and tomorrow, 24/7, with no limitation of tides or draught. This advantage is essential for Le Havre which, so far, is one of the few major North-European ports to be able to provide berthing for fully loaded ships.”*

The port services of the Port of Le Havre, pilotage, towage and moorage, anticipate the changes and invest in technically more efficient and more environmentally friendly equipment, just like the new pilot boat. The “MOL Triumph” will be handled by the company ‘Générale de Manutention Portuaire’ at the ‘terminal de France’.

The Japanese ship-owner will take delivery of the other five sister-ships in the course of the year. The next one, “Mol Trust”, will be delivered in late May and is scheduled to arrive at Le Havre on Sunday, July 23rd.

HAROPA, 5th major port on the north-European range

HAROPA is the leading port for the containerised external trade of France. Its growth in consolidated transport and logistics hubs proves the will of HAROPA to assist and anticipate its customers' requirements and also to gain new markets, beyond its present hinterland.

LE HAVRE Port: dependability and rapidity

- Access 7d/7, 24h/24
- Outstanding nautical conditions with no tidal constraint
- Over 80% of the container vessels spend less than 1 hour on the roads
- 1 h 30 is the average time necessary between pilot on board and berthing
- 99 % of customs clearance operations with no physical inspection

And around 700 ports of call worldwide



About HAROPA - Port of Le Havre

Owing to an outstanding location on the West-European sea board, HAROPA - Port of Le Havre, #1 French port for external trade and 5th largest North-European port for container trade, accommodates each year around 6,000 vessels among which the world largest containerships. Accessible 24/7, it handled about 70 million tonnes of cargo in 2016 and 40 % of the French imports of crude oil. www.haropaports.com

About Mitsui Osk Lines (MOL) :

Mitsui O.S.K. Lines, Ltd. (MOL) has the world's largest ocean shipping fleet. Backed by experience and technologies developed over 133 years, MOL moves today's global economy. MOL operates specialized bulk carriers for iron ore, coal, and woodchips; tankers that transport crude oil and LNG; car carriers; cruise ships; ferries and coastal liners; and containerships that deliver a variety of finished products as part of the largest and most diverse global network of liner and logistics services. MOL Liner Ltd. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of MOL. For more information, please visit www.molpower.com.

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