

## **OPDR & X-Press extend service into Tilbury**

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### **OPDR AND X-PRESS FEEDERS EXTEND SERVICE AT TILBURY'S LONDON CONTAINER TERMINAL**

Short-sea shipping and logistics specialist Oldenburg-Portugiesische Dampfschiffs-Rhederei (OPDR) and X-Press Feeder are to expand their Bilbao route into Tilbury. With immediate effect, three instead of previously two vessels will be deployed on this busy service and will further increase the schedule reliability. Two vessels will be operated by X-Press Feeders and one by OPDR.

The service will run on two loops resulting in one departure per week. The full service rotation will now be Tilbury (LCT) – Rotterdam – Gijon – Bilbao – Le Havre – Rotterdam – Bilbao – Tilbury (LCT).

London Container Terminal (LCT) currently handles other OPDR services on their routes between the Iberian Peninsula (including the Canary Islands), North Africa and the UK, plus the recently launched service connection from Agadir to the UK and North Continent.

Commenting on the announcement, **Angela Black, Head of Commercial at London Container Terminal** said: *“We have a successful, growing relationship with OPDR and we are delighted that they are expanding their Bilbao loop calling into Tilbury. As London’s major port, Tilbury has the perfect shipping location for OPDR’s services, with our fast and reliable connections for London and the south east of the UK.”*

**Till Ole Barrelet, Chief Executive Officer of the OPDR Group** said: *“Having a successful cooperation with X-Press and LCT will allow us to serve our customers with the most reliable and stable service between Tilbury and Bilbao. The schedule is designed to support time sensitive cargo as well as just-in-time requirements. We appreciate that the London Container Terminal in Tilbury provides fast inland connections to the metropolitan area of London and beyond.”*

**Paul Murphy, Managing Director of X-Press Feeder** said: *“X-Press feeders is serving Bilbao over Rotterdam since 2003. Our customers comprising of deep sea lines as well as short sea intra Europe operators are looking for frequency and schedule reliability. Teaming up with OPDR – a long standing partner in Europe – allows us to deliver this and simultaneously open a new corridor for our clients to and from Tilbury, a strategically valuable port for the South East of England.”*

Tilbury 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 The Port of Tilbury - the major gateway to London and the South East**

The Port of Tilbury is London's major port, providing fast, modern distribution services for the benefit of the

south east of England and beyond. A dynamic and diverse port handling the full range of cargoes with specialist expertise in the handling of paper and forest products, containers & Ro Ro, grain and bulk commodities and construction and building materials.

Tilbury's strategic location makes it the natural point for distribution with 18 million people living within 75 miles. Serving the UK's market, the port offers customers' excellent transport links to and from the capital and across the South East where over 50% of the population live and work.

The Port is a diverse multi-modal hub, covering over 900 acres and is well positioned to access the M25 orbital motorway and the rest of the UK's national motorway network. In addition, there are direct rail connections within the Port, with access to the whole of the UK and dedicated barge facilities.

London Container Terminal (LCT) provides a unique combination of European Short Sea and Deep Sea services at the same facility. As the UK's third largest container terminal, Tilbury handles over half a million containers per year.

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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 OPDR Group is a member of the Schulte Group

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## **About X-Press Feeder Agencies**

- The company was incorporated in Singapore in 1972 to become the world's largest common feeder operator
- On its global network, X-Press Feeders is operating a fleet of 86 vessels – 15 of which are owned
- In Europe, X-Press Feeders is operating 23 services

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