

## **News Release**

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### **Swire Shipping strengthens Asia to Australia multipurpose liner service**

Key features:

- *Servicing more than 12 key ports*
- *Superior transit times with improved frequency of 18-20 days*
- *Offering general multipurpose liner service and heavylift capability*

1 Swire Shipping has entered into a space sharing agreement with AAL to boost its North Asia to Australia and Papua New Guinea (PNG) service that will commence on 14 December 2015.

2 Jeremy Sutton, Swire Shipping's General Manager for Liner Trades, said, "This cooperation further strengthens Swire Shipping's extensive Asia Pacific network. Swire Shipping continues to provide a market-leading and flexible multipurpose liner shipping solution to the Australasia market with a superior 18-20 day service frequency from key ports in Asia."

3 Port rotations will be optimised with calls in all the key Asian and Australian ports. The load ports are Tianjin, Qingdao and Shanghai in China; Incheon and Pusan in South Korea; Kaohsiung in Taiwan and Phu My in Vietnam. Destination ports are Brisbane, Newcastle, Melbourne, Geelong and Bell Bay in Australia.

4 To provide increased capacity, Swire Shipping will be deploying two new S-Class multipurpose vessels (30,000dwt each) while AAL will deploy two A-Class heavylift vessels on the route. The two carriers will remain independent with separate commercial and operations functions and continue to offer their respective customers high service levels.

5 Swire Shipping has over 130 years of experience in providing shipping services in the Asia Pacific region and remains committed to being a leading provider of sustainable shipping solutions dedicated to customers across the region.

6 In July 2015, Swire Shipping started a new express service between North Asia, PNG and Australia. The North Asia Express (NAX) service provides a direct link between North Asia, Townsville in Australia and Lae, offering improved transit times and market-leading frequency service.

7 In November 2015, Swire Shipping expanded its multipurpose liner service coverage in Tasmania with an additional port call to Tasmania's capital city, Hobart.

8 In a recently completed newbuilding programme to renew and expand its fleet, 12 new multipurpose vessels ((22,000 - 31,000dwt) have been deployed to join Swire Shipping's eco-friendly fleet. From 2016, Swire Shipping will deploy 31 multipurpose vessels and 2 containers vessels, ranging from 5,500dwt to 31,000dwt.

### **About Swire Shipping**

Swire Shipping is the liner shipping division of The China Navigation Company (CNCo) and operates multiple liner trades in Australia, New Zealand, Asia, North America and the nations of the South Pacific, in addition to providing services to India, the Middle-East and Europe. Swire Shipping's network of services operates a versatile fleet of multipurpose ships capable of carrying a wide range of cargoes including containerised, refrigerated, project, breakbulk and heavylift cargoes.

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