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Hapag-Lloyd sails to east coast of Africa for first time with new service



Beginning in April, Hapag-Lloyd will offer a new weekly service between the Saudi Arabian port of Jeddah and the east coast of Africa. With the East Africa Service (EAS), the liner shipping company will be calling at the ports of Mombasa (Kenya) and Dar es Salaam (Tanzania) for the first time. These will be connected to Hapag-Lloyd's existing global network via the Saudi Arabian port of Jeddah as the central hub of the region. Hapag-Lloyd will initially deploy four vessels, each with a capacity of 1,200 TEUs, in the EAS, said a release.

The fast-growing economies of countries in East Africa further inland from Kenya and Tanzania, which lack their own seaports, are also likely to benefit from this new offer, as it will give them improved access to the global market. Via the EAS, Uganda, South Sudan, Rwanda, Burundi, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Malawi and Zambia will gain direct access to markets worldwide. Beginning in April, Hapag-Lloyd will offer a new weekly service between the Saudi Arabian port of Jeddah and the east coast of Africa. With the East Africa Service (EAS), the liner shipping com-

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Cochin Shipyard forays into fishing vessel construction



Cochin Shipyard Ltd (CSL), on January 29, 2018, signed contracts for construction of 16 tuna long lining and gillnetting fishing vessels under the diversification of trawler fishing boats from Palk Bay into deep sea fishing boats under Central sector as part of Blue Revolution Scheme with financial assistance from the government of India and the government of Tamil Nadu. A tripartite contract to this effect was signed and the steel-cutting ceremony for these 16 vessels took place at CSL in the presence of Mr Madhu S. Nair, CMD, CSL, Dr G. Sameeran, IAS, Additional Director (Fisheries), government of Tamil Nadu and other senior officials from Department of Fisheries, government of Tamil Nadu, CSL and also senior officials from Central Institute of Fisheries Technology (CIFT).

This is CSL's first entry into the fishing vessel construction segment.

Hamburg Süd announces new services between West Coast South & Central



Hamburg Süd is launching a new service network between Asia and South America West Coast, Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean. Concealed behind the well-known service names ASPA and ASCA will then be a completely new product to replace the present partnership with other liner shipping companies (Vessel Sharing Agreement) in this trade. Customers will benefit from additional direct connections, higher sailing frequencies, greater flexibility as well as shorter transit times. The existing Vessel Sharing Agreement between Asia and South America East Coast is not affected by the changes

and is to continue until the end of 2018, informed a release.

The four new ASPA and ASCA service strings will see the deployment of a total of 39 modern vessels with a slot capacity of 4,500 to 10,000 TEUs and will call almost 30 key ports with several weekly sailings in the said markets. In Asia, the most important ports in China, South Korea, Taiwan, Japan and Singapore will be called. In Latin America, coverage ranges from Mexico, Panama, Colombia and Peru to Chile. Highlights for reefer customers are two weekly sailings from Chile to Asia as well as a direct service from Chile and Peru to Japan. One of the four new services additionally uses transshipment arrange-

E-waybill seen bringing greater transparency & enabling hassle-free movement of goods



New-age logistics solutions provider Rivigo sees the E-waybill as a critical step by the Union government towards plugging tax leakages in the system, while making it simpler for businesses and supply chains to operate.

Commenting on the development, Mr Deepak Garg, Founder, Rivigo, said, "E-waybill is a unified and simple system which establishes direct linkage between what is declared and what is actually moved. It will bring greater transparency and enable hassle-free movement of goods. Its speedy adoption will require smart, fast and simple technology which is intuitive for entire supply chain network (warehouse teams and transporters). It is futuristic and builds on Digital India."

Rivigo, as an E-waybill Suidha partner, is working closely with the government to provide a high quality E-waybill solution through a web and mobile application for trade, industry and transporters for easy and swift movement of goods across the country. Through this application, E-waybill can be generated in less than 60 seconds. The application will be made available in local languages, has a simplistic interface, is intelligent and automates several steps to generate E-waybill faster and efficiently.

A special helpline number (8800 612 828) has been set up to assist users on all E-waybill queries. Any registered user can generate and manage E-waybills with ease on the website www.ewaybillgst.in, said a release.

Humor



Hey, you still here? I thought you had resigned.

I did, but sadly I couldn't clear the exit interview...

