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MV NILEDUTCH ROTTERDAM NAMING CEREMONY

The naming ceremony of the MV NileDutch Rotterdam, our fourth new build vessel, was held on Thursday 21 May 2015, at Transnet Terminals in Cape Town, South Africa. Joyce Kerkvliet, spouse of Rutger Ruigrok (Chairman Supervisory Board NileDutch), was the MV NileDutch Rotterdam's godmother. The naming ceremony was attended by Bonnie Horbach, Consul General of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the port authorities, business partners, customers and employees of NileDutch. NileDutch is expanding its fleet with four custom-designed container vessels to offer an improved service to key markets in West Africa. These vessels will be registered in the Netherlands and fly the Dutch flag.

Vessel design optimised for West Africa

The dimensions and deck equipment of the four new vessels are tailored to the ports they will serve in West Africa. This will enable NileDutch to serve this key market even better. Each vessel has a capacity of 3510 TEU (1530 in the holds and 1980 on the hatch covers). The efficient 20,000 kW engines will ensure operational efficiency and a low environmental impact. The vessels have a length over all of 224 metres, beam (width) of 34.8 metres and draft of 12.5 metres. The new builds will operate on NileDutch's busy West Africa - Far East rotation.

About NileDutch

NileDutch Africa Line BV is one of the world's top-25 container shipping companies. The company provides liner services between West African ports and Europe, South Africa, South America and Asia. NileDutch has been operating for over 30 years and has a worldwide office network and a particularly dense network in West Africa. Its local presence and commitment to this region enable NileDutch to respond quickly to market demands and offer an efficient service.

City of Rotterdam

Around the year 800 a small settlement developed on the Rotte River, which was named Rotterdam when a dam was built across the river around 1270. Rotterdam (NL) has since developed into the largest port in Europe, handling freight for a large part of the region, and is located at the centre of a dense network of waterways, roads and railways. Many large petrochemical plants are based around the port. The city is also an important centre of commerce and industry and has a university and several important museums. The head office of NileDutch is located in the centre of Rotterdam.

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