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APM Terminals Zeebrugge Welcomes New World Alliance Upgraded Vessel String First Call

**First of 8 x 8600 TEU Vessel Weekly South China Express String to Arrive February 12th
APMT Facility Equipped to Handle Larger Post-Panamax Sized Vessels**

Zeebrugge, Belgium – APM Terminals will roll out the red carpet for the New World Alliance’s new upgraded weekly South China Express (SCX) vessel string when the 8,600 TEU capacity m/v Hyundai Brave makes the enhanced service’s first call at a continental European Port at Zeebrugge on February 12th. The arrival of the post-Panamax vessel will be commemorated with an official ceremony in honor of the new service deployment with the Captain and Crew.

The 8 x 8,600 TEU vessel complement will replace the seven 5,300 TEU SCX vessel string which began calling the APM Terminals Zeebrugge facility in July of last year. The new string, comprised of vessels deployed by New World Alliance members APL, Mitsui OSK and Hyundai Merchant Marine, will increase capacity on the fast-growing China/Europe service by 60%.

The 850,000 TEU annual capacity APM Terminals Zeebrugge facility is equipped to hand latest-generation post-Panamax sized vessels with a draft of 16 meters, 900 meters of quay, and seven super post-Panamax ZPMC gantry cranes capable of working vessels stacked 22 containers across.

The terminal, which began operations in May 2006, was specifically designed and built to accommodate the needs and capacities of the larger containerships now entering the Far East/European trade lanes. Container volumes from the Far East to Europe increased by approximately 20% in 2007. Plans for Phase 2 of the APM Terminals Zeebrugge facility include expansion of the quay to 1,300 meters and a capacity of 2 million TEUs.

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About the New World Alliance

TNWA member lines APL, Hyundai Merchant Marine (HMM) and Mitsui O.S.K. Lines (MOL), serve more than 40 ports using in excess of 100 containerships in the major East-West container trades.

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