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Transfennica moves Iberia service to Zeebrugge International Port (ZIP)

ZEEBRUGGE – Transfennica and PSA Zeebrugge have joined forces to handle Transfennica's Iberia service. Starting 12-13 March 2011, Transfennica's vessels will call at the Zeebrugge International Port (ZIP) Multipurpose Terminal (Wielingendok, Quay 140-143) instead of the Zweedse kaai (Quay 705).

In the last 3 years, Transfennica has succeeded in developing a successful and regular ConRo-connection between the ports of Zeebrugge and Bilbao. The 2 sister vessels Elisabeth Russ and Friedrich Russ (each with 1,625 lane metres capacity) offer 3 roundtrips a week. The crossing only takes 38 hrs and vessels can handle unaccompanied trailers, containers of all types, rolling equipment as well as project cargoes.

The state-of-art ZIP (Quay 140-143) is made up of 700 metres of multipurpose berths for ConRo, RoRo, ferries and breakbulk vessels and 1,500 metres of deepwater berths with 16-metre draft at all times to handle the world's largest container vessels. ZIP is also connected to the on-dock Distripark - a concept unique in Northern Europe – which provides 80,000 m² of logistics space for consolidation, cross-docking and CFS operations. All of these services can be found inside one single ISPS-certified zone, without having to leave the terminal.

“Transfennica's Bilbao-Zeebrugge route offers a perfect alternative to the congested roads between Northern Europe and the Iberia region. On this ‘Highway of the Seas’ service, vessels are discharged directly on arrival at the port. ZIP offers additional advantages in terms of 24/7 opening hours for trailers and even better connections to

the United Kingdom and Scandinavia”, says Helmut Walgraeve, Director, Transfennica Zeebrugge.

"Zeebrugge International Port is a full fledged logistics hub for high-frequency shortsea and deepsea container line services and intermodal connections for rail, truck and feeders", says Theo Milliau, Head of Multipurpose Operations at ZIP. "We are pleased that Transfennica has chosen ZIP for this unique terminal concept."

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