ZIM Introduces CGX Service In New Orleans

New Orleans—ZIM Integrated Shipping Ltd. formally introduced a new weekly container shipping service to the Port of New Orleans' Napoleon Avenue Container Terminal. The Caribbean Gulf Express, or CGX service, offers weekly service to Caucedo, Dominican Republic; Altamira and Vera Cruz, Mexico; and Kingston, Jamaica.

"We are thrilled to welcome ZIM to the Port of New Orleans," said Port President and CEO Gary LaGrange. "This service will enhance options for shippers and importers not only for Central America and the Caribbean markets, but via ZIM's global network. ZIM's service now increases the Port's competitive transit times to Asia and the rest of the world."

The CGX service serves all major trade routes, including Asia through its hub in Kingston, Jamaica.

Haifa, Israel-based ZIM employs five container ships in the CGX service. The company sails 101 vessels in its fleet with an overall capacity of 337,000 TEUs (twenty-foot equivalent units) and has a presence in 120 nations.

"At ZIM we cross oceans for our customers," said Lea Bogatch-Genossar, ZIM's Americas, Canada and Caribbean Area President. "We realized that despite proximity within the Gulf's destinations and origins, each port has its uniqueness and appeal to the market. Our CGX service is the solution for this market's needs for a variety of customers, especially refrigerated cargo and special project cargo. We believe in long-term relationships with our stakeholders and the warm welcome ZIM received from the Port of New Orleans and the local shipping community demonstrates we chose the right partners."

New Orleans Terminal is the terminal operator for ZIM at the Napoleon Avenue Container Terminal.

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The Port of New Orleans is a deep-draft multipurpose port at the center of the world’s busiest port system — Louisiana’s Lower Mississippi River. Connected to major inland markets and Canada via 14,500 miles of waterways, six class-1 railroads and the interstate highway system, the Port is the ideal gateway for steel, project cargo, containers, coffee, natural rubber, chemicals, forest products, manufactured goods and cruising. An extensive network of ocean carrier services as well as the added value services like transloading of bulk into containers make the Port of New Orleans the superior logistics solution for many types of cargo. To stay ahead of market demand, the Port has invested over $100 million in capital improvement projects since 2012 and has a Master Plan to expand the Napoleon Avenue Container Terminal to 1.6 million TEU capacity.