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## Maersk Line announces our new Mobile call on the Transatlantic to North Europe Service

Maersk Line is pleased to announce our new service on the Transatlantic (TA2) from Mobile servicing North Europe, UK/Ireland, and Scandinavian and Baltic destinations commencing with the MAERSK UTAH. The addition of these calls will benefit our customers with fast transit times and expanded coverage of the inland areas served by the Port of Mobile.

This service is in addition to our Espreso Service calling Mobile and serving ports in Central America and Colombia. Maersk Line is the only major carrier with weekly import/export service at Mobile.

The new TA2 service features newer, faster vessels with an average capacity of 3,500 TEU. These US flag vessels allow increased IMO (hazardous cargo) lift capabilities. An extensive North Europe feeder network provides smooth connections from Felixstowe and Rotterdam to UK/Ireland destinations, while Bremerhaven connects to all Scandinavian and Baltic destinations. Consistent with our efforts to provide the flexibility our customers need, the port provides direct export access for many of the largest cotton producers, chemical plants, paper mills, forest products and is near to auto manufacturing locations providing for improved supply chain benefits. In addition, the TA2 service is available for Los Angeles and Oakland cargo via land bridge, creating additional opportunities for our customers with the same high level of reliability and quality of service.

"We are very excited to be offering this new service. This new port offering will provide our customers with the coverage and flexibility they need," said Bill Woodhour, Sales Manager for North America.

As the Gulf Coast's newest and most modern container handling facility the Mobile Container Terminal is the 10<sup>th</sup> largest U.S. Port in total trade and home to over 1,025 full-service trucking companies.

The new TA2 eastbound rotation is as follows: Houston, Mobile, Norfolk, Rotterdam, Felixstowe and Bremerhaven. The new TA2 westbound rotation is as follows: Rotterdam, Felixstowe, Bremerhaven, Charleston, Houston, Mobile.

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