

P&O Ferries launches second rail line to double train capacity at its Europoort hub

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P&O FERRIES announces the doubling of its rail capacity at Europoort with the launch of a second line into its terminal at the continental hub.

The 650-metre long track will complement P&O's existing rail line and means that the integrated ferry and logistics company can handle up to four trains of either 36 trailers or 42 x 45 foot containers a day, comprising eight services to and from locations across Europe.

Janette Bell, Chief Executive of P&O Ferries, said: "This new rail capacity will help even more of our customers solve their supply chain challenges and make trade flow by utilizing the unrivalled combined assets of P&O Ferries and P&O Ferrymasters.

"Customers will be able to move goods between Britain and Europe using P&O Ferrymasters rail services and take advantage of our integrated planning, scheduling and transport management systems which solve some of the most pressing challenges in logistics, especially transparency.

"To connect with the UK market, we provide three sailings a week to Teesport and seven sailings a week to Hull, with a commitment to providing customers with the most reliable and cost efficient service possible.

This initiative underlines our commitment to growth and going to places where our customers want us to go.”

As well as existing routes P&O Ferries and P&O Ferrymasters also plans to expand its rail network into new geographies. The second rail line at Europoort is expected to handle fast moving consumer goods from across Europe as well as automotive parts and products en route to the North East of England.

P&O Ferries is a leading pan-European ferry and logistics company, sailing 27,000 times a year on eight major routes between Britain, France, Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, Holland and Belgium. It operates more than 20 vessels which carry 8.4 million passengers and 2.3 million freight units every year.

Together with its logistics business, P&O Ferrymasters, the company also operates integrated road and rail links to countries across the continent including Italy, Poland, Germany, Spain and Romania, and facilitates the onward movement of goods to Britain from Asian countries via the Silk Road. P&O Ferries is part of DP World, the leading enabler of global trade and an integral part of the supply chain.

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