

PRESS RELEASE

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PSA Antwerp expanding its hinterland network.

PSA Antwerp (PSAA) is adding new destinations to its hinterland network.

As of yesterday, PSAA Europa Terminal (quay 869) and PSAA Deurganck Terminal (quay 1742) are the 'terminals of call' for the rail connection to/from **Athus** (Belgium). These PSAA terminals will now be able to offer to shipping lines, forwarders and shippers a direct rail connection to Athus, respectively 2 and 3 times a week. Furthermore, depending on the volume demand the possibility exists to organize two additional calls a week on the river terminals of PSAA (quay 869, quay 1742 and/or PSAA Noordzee Terminal – quay 913).

Athus was the most important rail link in the NARCON network and this inland location services a wide hinterland area, ranging from Belgian Lorraine, to the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and French Lorraine/Alsace to the German Saarland and Rhineland-Pfalz. As an alternative to the termination of the rail bundling concept in the port of Antwerp PSAA is providing the synchromodal consolidation of the Athus rail cargo (both by barge and truck).

In addition, the partnership with Delta Marine Terminal (DMT) in **Moerdijk** (Netherlands) was also formalized yesterday. The existing barge connection with three barge shuttles a week between the PSAA terminals and DMT will be optimized. It is the aim to shortly establish a similar paperless customs concept, by analogy with the CT Vrede set-up (to their inland terminal locations in Amsterdam & Zaandam), launched late August 2013.

Also, with the inland terminal operators in **Ghent, La Louvière, Brussels** (Belgium) and **Gorinchem** (The Netherlands) formal agreements have been made to realize barge connections to/from all PSAA terminals. Intermodal Platform Ghent and Ghent Container Terminal (Stukwerkers), Garocentre at La Louviere (Duferco) and Logistics Centre Gorinchem (HTS Group) will be operated three times a week; Brussels (TTB) will be served with a frequency of four barge roundtrips a week.

Through the launch of these new connections, PSAA wants to meet the increasing demand for integrated pre- and on carriage services directly at the deep sea terminals. Hereby, the simplification of time-consuming administrative processes is also of interest. PSAA and its partners offer a hassle-free handling of containers to the hinterland and thus provide an important contribution to more efficient, more reliable and 'greener' supply chains.

In this respect, it is obvious that **potential new locations will be examined continuously**.

PSAA has already operational train or barge connections to Rotterdam, Amsterdam, Zaandam (Netherlands), Lyon/Marseille/Fos (France), Munich and Nuremberg (Germany). For a **complete overview** of the **current hinterland network**, please visit <http://www.psa-antwerp.be/CY/HinterlandConnections.xml>

In the context of these new connections, PSAA is cooperating with the following **partners**:

Terminal Container Athus

Located in the geographic and economic heart of Europe, the Terminal Container Athus (TCA) covers a hinterland of 300 km which includes: Belgian Lorraine, Alsace and Lorraine in France, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the German regions of the Saar and the Rhineland. With an approximate distance of 250 km from the port of Antwerp TCA has an ideal location making the road-rail transport solution efficient and profitable.

- Rail frequency: 5/week of which calling 3/week Deurganck Terminal (quay 1742) and 2/week Europa Terminal (quay 869) + 2 flexible trains/week depending on volume either calling Noordzee Terminal (quay 913), Europa Terminal and/or Deurganck Terminal
- Website: <http://www.tca.be>

Delta Marine Terminal

Delta Marine Terminal (DMT) is a modern and well-equipped multi-purpose terminal in the port of Moerdijk at short distance from the port of Antwerp. Its' ISO 9001 certificate ensures a flexible and excellent service delivery.

- Barge frequency: 3/week
- Website: <http://www.delta-marineterminal.nl>

Trimodal Terminal Brussels

The company Trimodal Terminal Brussels (TTB), is a partnership between Stukwerkers Havenbedrijf, HTS Group and Duferco. The partners of TTB are already active in the field of containers, especially in Ghent and La Louvière as well as in the operation of barge transportation of containers to/from the port of Antwerp.

- Barge frequency: 4/week
- Website: <http://www.ttbrussels.com>

Intermodaal Platform Ghent and Ghent Container terminal

Trimodal AEO certified & ISPS compliant container terminals in the port of Ghent. With the crossing of 2 major European motorways – namely the E17 (linking Scandinavia to Portugal) and the E40 (linking UK to Turkey) - the receivers in a radius of 400 km round Ghent can be reached within a few hours. Both terminals are directly linked to the European inland waterways network, granting easy access to Northern-France and the Rhine region.

- Barge frequency: 3/week
- Website: <http://www.stukwerkers.com> and <http://www.ghentcontainerterminal.com>

Logistiek Centrum Gorinchem

Located at the Merwede river in the Netherlands, the terminal has an ideal location for combined transport from/to the Netherlands. With its advanced information management systems it can provide its customers with the necessary logistic solutions.

- Barge frequency: 2/week
- Website: <http://www.lcgterminal.nl>

Garocentre La Louvière

Garocentre Terminal is a trimodal logistics platform located in La Louvière, at the heart of the Walloon Region. The terminal provides intermodal handling as well as inland waterway and rail transport of all types of goods and containers. The platform offers an easy, reliable and profitable point of entry for maritime containers to the port of Antwerp and a secure interconnection point between all transport modes in the supply chain.

- Barge frequency: 3/week
- Website: <http://www.garocentreterminal.be>

Background International PSA / PSA Antwerp

PSA International is a global player in the field of container handling. PSA International operates terminals in Asia, Europe and America. In addition to the container terminal in Singapore (the largest container terminal in the world). PSA Antwerp is the second flagship of the group. PSA Antwerp is the largest overseas investment of PSA International. (<http://www.psainternational.com>)

PSA Antwerp operates five terminals in the port of Antwerp. The Deurganck Terminal, Europa Terminal and Noordzee Terminal are situated before for the locks. Behind the locks, there is MSC Home Terminal (50/50% joint venture with MSC) and Churchill Terminal. (<http://www.psa-antwerp.be>)

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