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# **Empty Transferium for containers at ECT Euromax terminal**

Rotterdam, 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017 - Hutchison Ports ECT Rotterdam (ECT), United Waalhaven Terminals (UWT) and Smith Holland will launch an Empty Transferium at the ECT Euromax terminal at the Maasvlakte. The Empty Transferium will provide so-called empty depot services for both refrigerated containers (reefer containers) and 'regular' containers at the deepsea terminal.

The following services will be offered at the Empty Transferium: transport to and from the Transferium, inspection and cleaning of the container, minor repairs to both the container and the cooling system of the reefer container and pre-trip inspection (PTI).

The Empty Transferium is targeted at the deepsea shipping lines and anticipates the growing demand for services of this kind. A major advantage of the Empty Transferium is that the services are rendered at the deepsea terminal; consequently, the container can be returned to the operation again as quickly as possible.

The preparations for the Empty Transferium, the opening of which is planned for the second quarter of 2018, are already underway.

Leo Ruijs (CEO of ECT): "The cooperation between UWT, Smith Holland and ECT guarantees the input of knowledge and expertise. All three parties contribute their own specific know-how regarding all operations at the Empty Transferium. To ECT, the Empty Transferium constitutes a next step in its service provision."

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