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**Dear Garvan,**

Welcome to the November edition of Irish Freight & Logistics Monthly.

You have been included within our mailing list because we consider you to be a valuable contributor to the industry.

We are aware of the communities need for an electronic platform for company announcements and press releases. We invite you to forward details to us for consideration in the next edition.

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## • Dublin Port Tunnel To Open



Dublin City Council and the National Roads Authority today announced that An Taoiseach Bertie Ahern TD will open the Dublin Port Tunnel on

Wednesday 20th December 2006. The €751million M50 Dublin Port Tunnel is the longest urban motorway in Europe, comprising two twin lane tunnels, each 4.5km long. It will provide a dedicated motorway, toll free for Heavy Goods Vehicles and buses, from Dublin Port to the National Roads Network (M50). All other vehicles will pay tolls ranging from €12 at peak hours to €6 and €3 off peak.

and conference,  
December 5-7, Hamburg,  
Germany

BIFA Freight Service  
Awards, January 18,  
London, UK

6th Annual Aviation  
Conference 2007 February  
22-23, Barcelona, Spain

SIL 2007 June 5-8,  
Barcelona, Spain

## • **Dublin Port raises volumes 11.9%**



Dublin Port increased its volume by 11.9 percent in the third quarter, new figures indicated today. According to Dublin Port Company's quarterly results, some 7.5 million tonnes passed through the port in the third quarter of 2006, with imports totalling 4.8 million tonnes, and exports reaching 2.6 million tonnes. This represented an increase of 10.7 per cent and 14.3 per cent respectively on the same period in 2005.

Total throughput for January to September this year reached 21,734 million tonnes, an 8.4 per cent increase on the same period a year earlier. Chief executive of Dublin Port Company Enda Connellan said the port on target to reach its highest annual trade volumes to date of almost 30 million tonnes.

Ferry passenger numbers, on the other hand, slipped 10.1 per cent, a fall that is being blamed on competition from budget airlines.

However, in the cruise industry, the quarter was described as the port's busiest year to date.

During 2006, the Dublin Port Company played host to 75 cruise liners, with more than 65,000 passengers and 28,000 crew members on board.

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## • **X-press Container Line's New Transhipment Option**



X-press Container Line the dedicated feeder operators are pleased to announce the introduction of the Mv Jan Fabian to the Irish trade on from 13th November 2006. The X-Press feeder network from Ireland is being strengthened to offer additional feeder services to/from Southampton, Greenock, and Zeebrugge.

The new feeder network utilizing 4 vessels from Dublin and Cork will offer services to the market as follows:

- Belfast to Southampton weekly service
- Belfast Rotterdam twice weekly service,
- Cork to Rotterdam weekly service,
- Cork to Zeebrugge weekly service,
- Dublin to Rotterdam twice weekly service,
- Dublin to Felixstowe weekly service,
- Dublin to Southampton weekly service,
- Dublin to Greenock weekly service,
- Dublin to Zeebrugge weekly service,

We are confident that by strengthening and increasing our feeder networks it will meet the requirements of our Main Line Clients offering them flexibility and alternatives in feeding their cargo.

X-press Container Line has further added to their European services from Iberia to UK and NW Continent with additional sailings and routes. For further details please check our website [www.xcl-europe.com](http://www.xcl-europe.com)

For Bookings ex Cork and Dublin please contact Dublin Maritime Ltd.on (01) 6720500

#### • **Pall-Ex signs up two new members**



Pall-Ex has signed up Reid Transport in Northern Ireland and Ace Express in the Republic of Ireland.

Pall-Ex is set to strengthen its network further in Northern Ireland following the appointment of County Antrim-based Reid Transport, one of Northern Ireland's leading logistics companies.

Established in 1980, Reid is located in a 125,000 sq.ft purpose-built logistics centre outside Ballymena. The company operates a fleet of more than 300 vehicles, ranging from 18-ton rigids to full articulated combinations.

Reid was specifically chosen as a Pall-Ex member because of its location close to Northern Ireland's motorway network and ports, and its reputation for quality.

The Pall-Ex network in the Republic of Ireland is also set to expand following the appointment of new member, Dublin-based Ace Express.

Established in 1988, Ace Express is the country's number one pallet network with a 250,000 sq.ft site in Lusk, Dublin. Ace Express operates in all 32 Irish Counties.

#### • **Johnson Stevens Announce New Europe Lines Container Service**



We are pleased to announce the launch of the new Europe Lines Container service between the ports of Drogheda and Rotterdam. The first sailing is scheduled to depart from Rotterdam on Friday, 17th November. The route will be serviced initially with one vessel on a weekly basis sailing from Rotterdam every

