

# **Press Release**

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### Consort Express Lines signs agreement with Norwegian-based Software Company

Consort Express Lines are pleased to announce the awarding of a major contract to Norwegian software company Tero Marine.

Tero Marine will roll out its TM Master range of applications to Consort Express Lines' fleet of general cargo vessels, including 14 tugs owned by Pacific Towing. Both companies are proud members of the Steamships Trading Company, within the Swire Group.

The agreement with Tero Marine covers their full range of Fleet Management software applications across Procurement, Maintenance, Crew Management, Quality and Environment.

Consort Express Lines' Chief Operating Officer, Chris de Villiers said "There were several reasons for choosing Tero Marine's TM Master. The most obvious one was its complete product features and functions which suited our internal procedures and business needs. Secondly, TM Master was the most user friendly system so our crews will not have to undergo intensive training sessions,"

"Another major factor from our point of view, was the complete understanding by the team at Tero Marine of our requirements regarding our business processes. They were able to provide the right solutions to our needs and were pro-active in everything from pre-project documentation to implementation plan." he added.

Tero Marine's CEO, Rune Lyngaas welcomed Consort Express Lines and Pacific Towing to their expanding customer community.

He said: "I want to applaud Consort for having the confidence to be making such *a* progressive move in these uncertain times. I am confident that our TM Master software will help optimize the management and compliance of their fleet."

De Villiers also concluded that "In challenging times like these, we need to focus on keeping the ships sailing. Having a professional partner like we have found in Tero Marine is crucial."

As the country's leader in coastal shipping, Consort Express Lines continues to pave the way for a safer, modern and more efficient shipping industry within Papua New Guinea.



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### About Consort Express Lines

Consort Express Lines transports cargo in a liner, project and charter capacity for a diverse range of businesses, from domestic manufacturers and wholesalers to local farming, transport and construction companies and international energy and mining industries. Consort Express Lines has invested over K240 million on an extensive fleet and infrastructure to provide our customers with a complete and reliable shipping service. As the largest shipping company in Papua New Guinea, Consort Express Lines provides greater capacity and more frequent services than any other coastal operator. Consort Express Lines is wholly owned by the Steamships Trading Company, within the Swire Group.