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## OCEANEX TAKES DELIVERY OF THE OCEANEX CONNAIGRA CANADA'S LARGEST CON/RO SHIP

The largest Canadian Flag Con/Ro ship will set sail tomorrow from Flensburg, Germany destined for St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador. Following a series of successful sea trials, Oceanex Inc. accepted delivery of the vessel today as originally scheduled. The ***Oceanex Connaigra*** is expected to arrive in St. John's next weekend, where it will stay for a few days before sailing to Halifax to work the Halifax service while the Oceanex Sanderling completes a short dry dock. The vessel will then move on to Montreal, where it will provide a fixed weekly service between the ports of Montreal and St. John's.

Captain Sid Hynes, Executive Chairman at Oceanex, states "I am extremely proud to add this innovative, environmentally friendly vessel to our fleet. The ***Oceanex Connaigra*** has been custom designed to meet the many specific requirements of our trade and promises to provide optimum performance and reliability in the harsh weather conditions of east coast Canada." Captain Hynes goes on to say that he has been extremely pleased to have worked with Flensburger Shipyard (FSG), a world-leader in the construction of RoRo ships and known for their ability to build ships on time and on budget. Hynes says "FSG have lived up to their promise of building a state-of-the-art vessel, and I look forward to working with them again on future projects".

From Germany, FSG CEO, Peter Sierk states "we are very proud to have been assigned to build this innovative vessel for Oceanex. Such good results were only possible due to the excellent cooperation of all employees of Oceanex and Flensburger, and we are looking forward to building another ship for Oceanex in the future."

The ***Oceanex Connaigra*** is designed to carry containers varying in size from 20' to 53' as well as trucks, trailers, cars, and over dimensional cargo with a total of 13,700 square metres of available space and a deadweight of 19,300 tons. Other custom features include movable vehicle decks and a wide, reinforced side ramp, thereby improving the versatility of the vessel. For crew comfort and cargo safety, the ice-class ***Oceanex Connaigra*** has been outfitted with anti-roll stability tanks and a gyro controlled active fin stabilizer system, which ensures a stable platform and performance reliability.

Classed by DNV as a “clean ship”, the ***Oceanex Connaigra*** already meets stricter environmental regulations taking effect in 2015.

Oceanex Inc., a privately owned Short Sea Shipping company, is a leading player in the east coast transportation industry. Oceanex provides full inter-modal transportation services between Mexico, the United States, and mainland Canada to the island of Newfoundland. Oceanex further serves over land all points in Newfoundland from St. John’s daily.

Flensburg Shipbuilders, founded in 1872 and the world’s leading builders of RoRo ships have built an outstanding reputation for their work. The shipyard has delivered over 750 ships to date, concentrating on specialized vessels and tailor-made developments - not only RoRo and RoPax sectors, but also naval ships and offshore ships.

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