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### **ITG MEERHOUT (BCTN) AND PSA ANTWERP LAUNCH NEW 'MEERHOUT – PSAA EXPRESS' BARGE SERVICE**

ITG Meerhout (BCTN) and PSA Antwerp (PSAA) have signed a cooperation agreement for the launch of a new, fast and reliable barge connection between PSAA's North Sea Terminal (Quay 913) and ITG Meerhout (BCTN). The service will be marketed under the name 'Meerhout – PSAA Express'.

This new service will commence from 6 January 2026, offering a tri-weekly connection with fixed calls at Quay 913 every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.

With the 'Meerhout – PSAA Express' service, PSAA is taking the next step to further optimize its services with barge operators. By working with fixed time slots and clear operational agreements, PSAA is increasing the predictability and reliability of barge handling. This enables barge operators to plan their operations more efficiently and offer a more consistent and reliable product to their customers.

ITG Meerhout, the largest inland container terminal in the Benelux region, operates 24/7 and remains committed to investing in high delivery reliability. With the launch of this express service, the terminal will provide a timely, point-to-point connection to and from the PSAA terminals via a dedicated barge.

This will lead to shorter turnaround times, higher operational reliability, and greater transparency in the logistics chain for shippers and logistics service providers.

"The 'Meerhout – PSAA Express' service combines the strengths of PSA Antwerp and ITG Meerhout to deliver faster, more reliable and sustainable inland connections. By aligning operations and introducing fixed time slots, we're creating a seamless, predictable solution that helps our customers plan better and keep their supply chains moving efficiently." – **Edward Tah, Managing Director, PSA Belgium.**

"This fixed point-to-point connection between the PSAA terminal and the ITG terminal in Meerhout ensures a reliable, guaranteed inland transit time that our customers can use to efficiently organize their import and/or export flows. This also allows us to offer an alternative to the increasing congestion and traffic problems on the roads to and from Antwerp. As a result, ITG now has fixed calls at all major deep-sea terminals." – **David Huybrechts, General Manager Zuid at ITG Meerhout (BCTN).**

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**ISSUED BY PSA ANTWERP AND ITG MEERHOUT**

**ABOUT PSA ANTWERP**

PSA Antwerp is the second flagship within the PSA Group. PSA Antwerp operates three container terminals in the Port of Antwerp: Noordzee and Europa Terminal, and the MSC PSA European Terminal (MPET), a joint-venture with TIL. In addition, PSA also handles breakbulk, steel, and project cargo at PSA Breakbulk, and RoRo and paper at our multi-purpose terminal, PSA Zeebrugge.

**ABOUT ITG MEERHOUT (BCTN)**

Inland Terminals Group (ITG) connects inland waterways across the Netherlands and Belgium, delivering sustainable and efficient container transport solutions. With 17 terminals and a team of 350 professionals, we move over 500,000 containers annually to and from the ports of Rotterdam and Antwerp. Sustainability and digitalization are at the heart of ITG's operations.

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