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## **Maersk Line arrives in Tasmania**

Maersk Line, the world's largest container shipping company, is set to welcome its first container ship to ever visit Tasmanian waters. On Monday 13 February 2017, the 'Searuby' with a nominal capacity of 1,368 TEU<sup>1</sup>, will make her inaugural call into the port of Bell Bay.

Michael Sousa, Director of Qube Ports, welcomed the opportunity to support Maersk Line from the Qube facilities in Bell Bay, noting the service will strengthen the options available to Tasmanian producers.

Maersk Line Australia Sales Director Anthony Randell said the new weekly shipping service to/from Tasmania would enhance the company's already comprehensive and flexible Australia network coverage.

"Australia is an important market to Maersk Line and we are committed to offering Australian businesses competitive and reliable connections to markets around the world. With our latest service launch, we look forward to offering Tasmanian shippers a year-round superior product, with easy access and competitive transit times to/from key global markets," Mr Randell said.

The Bell Bay call is being added to Maersk Line's newly enhanced Tasman Star service which deploys 3 x 1,100-1,300-TEU vessels, each with a 250-plug reefer capacity. Customers will be offered onwards connections via Melbourne or New Zealand to Maersk Line's global service network. Shipments to/from Asia, Middle East, Africa and Europe will connect via Melbourne (Boomerang and Yo Yo services) and to/from Americas via New Zealand (OC1 and South Pacific Express services).

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### **About Maersk Line**

Maersk Line is the world's largest container shipping company, known for reliable, flexible and eco-efficient services. It provides ocean transportation in all parts of the world through 324 offices in 115 countries. Maersk Line employs 7,600 seafarers and 23,200 land-based employees and operates 590 container vessels. The company markets its services through the Maersk Line, Safmarine and SeaLand (Intra-Americas) brands. Maersk Line is the holding company for MCC Transport (Intra-Asia) and Seago Line (Intra-Europe). Maersk Line is part of the Maersk Group, headquartered in Copenhagen, Denmark. The Group employs over 88,000 people in some 130 countries. 2015 revenue: USD 40.3 billion.

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<sup>1</sup> Twenty-foot equivalent unit