



## News Release

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### **Swire Shipping introduces new fixed-day weekly service to the Pacific Islands**

- *Enhances connectivity to South-East Asia, Europe, India, and the Middle East*
- *Doubles frequency to the ports of Lae, Motukea, Nouméa, Suva, and Honiara*

**Singapore** – Swire Shipping, a leading operator of liner shipping services in the Asia Pacific, has introduced the Pacific Weekly Express (PWX) service, a new fixed-day weekly service that connects South-East Asia, Europe, India, and the Middle East with Papua New Guinea and the Pacific Islands.

The new service operates on a seven-day frequency to Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, New Caledonia, and Fiji, with connections in Fiji and Nouméa to the Pacific Islands of Tonga, Vanuatu, Samoa, American Samoa, and Tahiti.

PWX combines and expands two existing services – superseding the existing Southeast Asia (SEA) and East Southeast Asia (ESEA) services – offering greater frequency, predictability, and speed. The new service underlines Swire Shipping's commitment to connecting the communities of the Pacific, doubling frequency to the ports of Lae, Motukea, Nouméa, Suva, and Honiara.

Ben Pike, Chief Operating Officer for Swire Shipping, said: "As a partner of choice to many, we believe it is our duty to support our customers' supply chains with best-in-class liner services. With this in mind, we are pleased to introduce a significant upgrade to our network by including more fixed-day weekly and fixed-day fortnightly products in our key markets. The PWX service will bring significant value to our customers immediately and help to support communities and trade in the region."



### **PWX service enhances supply chain planning while reducing risks**

With a weekly frequency, customers in the Pacific will now be able to optimise their supply chains and reduce risk. The predictability and reliability of the weekly service will enable them to reduce inventories, lower holding costs, and improve stock management, whilst reducing supply chain risk and the possibility of stock outs. Customers will be able to standardise and repeat processes at both origin and destination locations, making it easier to plan their supply chains. They will also benefit from shorter waiting times and fewer vessel clashes in ports with better on time performance.

### **An improved network of services in the Pacific**

The introduction of the PWX service enables Swire Shipping to upgrade its Papua New Guinea (PNG) Service (serving Australia to Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands) to a fixed-day fortnightly service. This complements existing fixed-day fortnightly products on the Australia-Pacific Islands (PIS) Service and North Asia Express (NAX) Service (serving North Asia to Papua New Guinea and Townsville, Australia).

Swire Shipping's integrated logistics division will support the network of services in the Pacific by providing first-mile and last-mile logistics services, facilitating a seamless process.

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## **Appendix**



*MV Rabaul Chief sailing on Papua New Guinea waters.  
The vessel will be deployed on the new PWX service.*



### **About Swire Shipping**

Headquartered in Singapore, Swire Shipping is dedicated to facilitating and growing trade in regions where it operates. Connecting over 400 ports, Swire Shipping provides customers several high frequency liner shipping services in the Asia Pacific markets, transpacific services between North Asia and the Pacific Northwest, and specialist shipping services to the energy, resource and infrastructure sectors in the global project logistics market. It specialises in providing a wide range of specialist customer solutions for project, heavy lift, refrigerated, breakbulk and mini bulk cargoes. Swire Shipping maintains a worldwide agency network in addition to its own representative offices across the Asia-Pacific, Pacific Islands, North America and Europe, providing customers with dedicated service and expert market knowledge.

In 2021, Swire Shipping set up its integrated logistics arm providing door-to-door solutions for its customers, providing a single point of contact for the full supply chain solution.

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