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Mr Lytle signs
OOCL's lease
agreement



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CHRISTOPHER LYTLE
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SHIPPER SENTIMENT SURVEY

European shippers highlight the difficulties they had in container availability on the Asia trade routes over the Chinese New Year period, as well as poor ocean carrier communication with customers.

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TRADE STATISTICS

Globally, MDS Transmodal estimates that total loaded maritime teu volume grew 4% in 2012, with a similar rise predicted in 2013.

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FREIGHT FORECASTER

This month's analysis of the likely effects of supply and demand on future freight rates covers key trade lanes to/from Europe up to the fourth quarter of 2013.

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BOX POOL UPDATE

The output of new boxes slipped in fourth quarter 2012 and prices softened too, with prospects for 2013 uncertain. presents the latest update on the dry freight box business.

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WORLD FLEET UPDATE

Despite a slight stutter in February, *Containerisation International* expects the global container fleet to grow by as much as 10% this year.

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NEWS ROUND-UP

- Maersk snubs Panama Canal for Suez
- MSC sells stake in ports division
- Aponte: No ship orders for years
- Box weighing proposals hit setback

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FREIGHT RATE INDICATORS

Freight rate jitters plagued the main east-west trades in fourth quarter 2012, with further uncertainty expected.

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ACTION MAN

J. Christopher Lytle was appointed executive director of the Port of Long Beach a little more than a year ago – and what a year it has been. *Containerisation International* charts his progress.

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TRADE ROUTE INTELLIGENCE

BEEFING UP CAPACITY

Traditionally a route for smaller ships, the northern Europe-Med trade is now seeing larger vessels and an increase in capacity. *Containerisation International* reports.

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WEIGHING UP THE PROS & CONS

Global Shippers Forum secretary general Chris Welsh asserts that the issue of misdeclaration is not always about weight.

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SOBER ASSESSMENT

The A to Z of ocean carriers delivered a mixed bag of financial results in 2012. but what of 2013? *Containerisation International* drills down into the figures.

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SEA MODE OUTSTRIPS AIR FREIGHT

Results of some major freight forwarders reveal another subdued year in 2012 but sea freight volumes continued to increase.

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GREEDY FOR GROWTH

Miami's port director insists that by the end of the decade his employer will be one of the top five ports in the US. *Containerisation International* reports.

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Turkey's newest port is off to a flyer with Maersk calling in March. Limak Holdings chairman expects other carriers to follow.

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A NEW LEASE OF LIFE

Albania's principal port is to get a fresh start, with a new operator that has a vision for Durres as a regional hub.

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'SHOW ME THE MONEY!'

A CHANGE OF FOCUS

"Forget market share, concentrate on cost savings", is the latest mantra, according to *Containerisation International's* guest columnist.

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