



## **UNIVERSAL AFRICA LINES STRENGTHENS BREAK BULK SERVICES TO AFRICA WITH NEW DANISH LINK**

### **UAL Chartering established in Denmark to launch new Mediterranean and Black Sea service**

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Global shipping company Universal Africa Lines Ltd (UAL) has reinforced its position as the leading break bulk carrier to Africa for the oil and gas industry by establishing a new chartering desk in Denmark.

UAL Chartering becomes the extending leg to the established UAL liner services from Europe and USA, providing customized solutions worldwide to and from Africa, including shipments from Europe, the Baltic, Mediterranean and the Black Sea.

Allowing UAL to expand its current services with new regular sailings from the Mediterranean and the Black Sea to West Africa, the Danish chartering desk will additionally focus on the group's services to East Africa.

Based in Denmark, UAL Chartering will be headed by Directors Samir Ferguen and Morten Møller, both well known within the break bulk industry and each backed by many years' experience in parceling of vessels not only from Europe and Africa, but also the USA and Asia.

Established in 1973 and known as a leading shipping line servicing the oil and gas industry from Europe and America to Africa, UAL also services customers in the mining, renewables, steel and commodity segments.

Its fleet of multipurpose vessels are able to load and discharge using their own cranes, with lifting capacity ranging from 70-360 metric tons.

‘We are extremely proud to have been entrusted with the further expansion of UAL’s services, and to represent such a strong brand in the African trade,’ said Samir Ferguen.

Morten Møller commented: “Despite the current challenging times for the world economy, we look forward to servicing our trusted clients.”

Harald Maas, Director, UAL Netherlands, said: “We are very excited about this new opportunity. UAL Chartering will be a valuable addition to UAL’s existing liner services and will provide extra services to UAL’s clients.

“We are very pleased to have Samir and Morten on board. They have a proven track record and are well known and highly respected within the industry. We are confident that, with their help, we can make our new Mediterranean and Black Sea to Africa service a success.

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