

MarineFields and Inmarsat sign MOU

Collaborative decision-making project to digitalise port call information

On 7 June it was reported that MarineFields and Inmarsat had signed an MOU to partner in investigating how sea traffic management and satellite connectivity can make port calls more efficient for all stakeholders through improved information sharing, situational awareness, optimised processes, and collaborative decision making.

It is understood that the joint effort will be focused on providing a marketplace for port call optimization services resulting in just-in-time operations and shortened turn-around times.

Perseus PortCDM will connect the various stakeholders involved in, or related to, sea transport, including vessels, shipping companies, ports, terminals, and hinterland operators.

The aim of the project will be to focus on enhanced standardised data sharing, and enable third party providers to bring new and innovative services to key stakeholders in the maritime industry.

In the words of Socrates Theodossiou, Managing Director, MarineFields Holding Ltd: *‘We hope that this will develop into a long-term, fruitful cooperation. The main objective of this partnership is to make informed collaborative decisions by shared information while at the same time providing all stakeholders in the port call process the opportunity to develop innovative services and applications.’*

MarineField’s Perseus PortCDM will utilise the Inmarsat satellite network infrastructure, specifically Fleet Xpress, which now has over 10,000 committed vessels and FleetBroadband which currently has around 40,000 active terminals on vessels across the world.

Ronald Spithout, President of Inmarsat Maritime added: *‘Fleet Xpress has been purposely designed to empower third party application providers to enhance existing services to all companies in the maritime industry and MarineFields’ Perseus PortCDM will help improve the inefficiencies in the entire port call process through the power of Inmarsat’s satellite connectivity’*.