

## Port Congestion Surcharge – Honiara

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Dear Valued Customers,

Due to the increase of berth congestion in Honiara over the past months, largely due to the extra activities in the port area related to the wharf extension project managed by the Solomon Islands Port Authority, there has been a significant rise in idle time that ships are subjected to whilst waiting to berth. As a result, there are currently elevated operating costs associated with servicing this trade.

Whilst the wharf extension will of course improve the situation, the completion of works & commissioning of the new wharf is not expected until the later part of 2016. As such, to enable us to continue to offer a regular and sustainable service to & from Honiara we will be introducing a Port Congestion Surcharge. This surcharge will be applied to all import & export cargo to & from Honiara. The amounts indicated below will be charged to the Honiara consignees for import cargo and the shippers of export cargo from Honiara. This surcharge will be applicable from the Southern Phoenix V117.

Port Congestion Surcharge :

US\$ 200 per 20'

US\$ 400 per 40'

US\$ 12.5 per Revenue Tonne

We will be reviewing the congestion situation in Honiara regularly and will make the necessary adjustments in due course.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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