



## CONTAINER OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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#### **1. COA Stand at Intermodal 2007, Amsterdam**

The COA will be celebrating its 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary at the Intermodal 2007 Exhibition in Amsterdam from 4-6 December 2007 – see [www.intermodal-events.com](http://www.intermodal-events.com) for further information about the Conference Programme and for Visitor Pre-Registration

The COA is one of Intermodal 2007's Supporting Organisations. We would like to invite to the stand (D12) as many current and prospective Members as possible. You will be very welcome!

#### **2. Intermodal 2007 Stand Sponsors**

Once again, the COA stand costs are being covered by sponsorship from COA Members. Grateful acknowledgement to this year's sponsoring companies:

- Axis Intermodal
- Blue Sky Intermodal
- Capital Intermodal
- CMC International
- International Asset Systems
- Intermodal Equipment Associates (Gavan, Martec and Van Doorn)
- Lloyd's Register/Marine Container Consultants
- Sea Box
- Sparta Matrix
- Suraloc
- Unitas Services

#### **3. Flexitank Working Group: Further Update**

The COA's Flexitank Working Group is scheduled to publish a Standard Code of Practice (CoP) for the fast-growing flexitank industry in early 2008

A draft CoP has been prepared, and is being discussed at the COA's Flexitank Working Group meeting in Amsterdam on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December. For the latest information about the COA's Flexitank WG programme and progress, please go to [www.containerownersassociation.org](http://www.containerownersassociation.org)

#### **4. COA Questionnaire: Members Feedback**

During the Members Forum at the COA meeting in Paris, it was agreed that COA Members should have the opportunity to give their opinions about COA progress, development and future strategy.

A questionnaire was sent out in early September, and some 22 COA Members responded. The key points that were made in the questionnaire are summarised in a Questionnaire Feedback Report. Members can download the report by going to [www.containerownersassociation.org](http://www.containerownersassociation.org) and clicking on the link.

## **5. 6<sup>th</sup> Members Meeting – Shanghai, 16 June 2008**

The COA's 6<sup>th</sup> Members Meeting will take place on Monday 16 June 2008 in Shanghai.

The main theme of the Conference will be the "Container Shipping and the Environment". It is intended that there will be presentations and panel discussion on a number of issues relating to the environmental impact of increasing trade, container shipping, container design/manufacture and container port operations. How is the ports and shipping industry responding to this challenge? Solutions are available – but how can they be implemented?

The Members Meeting will take place on the day before the *transport logistic China* Exhibition (17-19 June 2008, [www.transportlogistic-china.com](http://www.transportlogistic-china.com)).

Within the exhibition, the COA and the International Tank Container Organisation will be organising a joint Container Pavilion. More from [secretary@containerownersassociation.org](mailto:secretary@containerownersassociation.org)

## **6. New Members**

The COA is pleased to welcome the following new member to the Association:

- **The Braid Group** ([www.braidco.com](http://www.braidco.com)). The Braid Group is a global logistics service provider that has diversified into many areas of freight management and operations. Its bulk logistics services include the operation of tank containers and flexitanks
- **Büscherhoff Spezialverpackung GmbH** ([www.buescherhoff.com](http://www.buescherhoff.com)). Büscherhoff is a manufacturer of specialist packaging systems, including flexitanks, container bulk-liners, and other types of packaging for bulk products
- **Fordlands Ltd** – specialists in cleaning high-visibility clothes for a range of industries
- **Hoyer Global Transport BV** ([www.hoyer-global.com](http://www.hoyer-global.com)). Hoyer Global Transport provides global door-to-door container logistics services, focusing on bulk products. In addition to its tank container operations, it also offers a comprehensive flexitank service.
- **Kuehne + Nagel Group** ([www.kuehne-nagel.com](http://www.kuehne-nagel.com)). Kuehne + Nagel is a global leader in international forwarding, delivering integrated solutions across the supply chain. It provides transport solutions to companies in a wide range of industries.
- **Philton Polythene Converters Ltd** ([www.philton.co.uk](http://www.philton.co.uk)). Philton is a leading manufacturer of standard and specialist large polythene bags, including flexitanks, dry bulk liners, special-shaped bags, covers and liners
- **Stolt Tank Containers** ([www.sntg.com](http://www.sntg.com)) Stolt is the world's largest operator of tank containers and parcel tankers, and is expanding its range of bulk logistics services

## **7. Further Information**

For further information about anything in this newsletter, or if you would like to contribute to the next issue (December 2007), contact Patrick Hicks – [secretary@containerownersassociation.org](mailto:secretary@containerownersassociation.org)