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**BLUESTREAM ROTATION UPGRADE: EUROPEAN ARRIVALS** January 10, 2016

Dear Streamlines Customers,

Following Bluestream's maiden year of providing Fast, Direct and Dedicated services between Europe, the French West Indies and Central America, StreamLines will upgrade the Bluestream Service as of 18 January 2017. This improved FDD liner service will continue linking Europe to Central America and the Islands, but will change the rotation of European arrivals by calling Tilbury before Rotterdam.

Running completely independent and free of any alliance commitments with other carriers, StreamLines puts the Customer at the heart of the Bluestream Service. As the service was shaped and designed to meet customers' needs and offer logistics solutions to highly sensitive and delicate cargoes, service quality will not be compromised.

This European arrival rotational improvement will result in Bluestream Vessels calling Tilbury on Wednesdays and Rotterdam on Thursdays, whilst still offering customers the fastest possible connections from Honduras and Guatemala into Rotterdam (14 days), and offering shorter transit times from Central America into the UK (13 days). Terminal operations and services will remain unchanged as the service will continue calling the 39 Berth Tilbury Dock and RST North in Rotterdam. The MV Rickmers Malaysia's SB16053 voyage will be the first to call the European Ports in this order. This service upgrade will also provide customers with shorter Westbound transit times from Rotterdam into the French West Indian ports (11 Days), Central American ports (17 Days) and USA ports(20 Days), strengthening our customers' position for both East and West Bound voyages.

Our easily accessible and customer friendly StreamLines team, including Antwerp HQ, will be working round the clock to ensure that all customers queries and questions are attended to.

The Bluestream Service has been designed to extract additional supply-chain value for customers and their networks, and will ensure that product shelf life will be maximized for StreamLines shippers.

For schedules and more details, feel free to contact one of our local agents, or alternatively contact one of the following:

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