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Portbase partners with Portrix to deliver one-stop VGM shop for Dutch shipping community

The Dutch shipping community is set to enjoy a seamless way of consolidating and sharing Verified Gross Mass (VGM) data thanks to a new partnership between Portbase and Germany's Portrix Logistic Software (PLS). Portbase, which runs a unique Port Community System in the Netherlands, will now use Portrix's VGM solution to enrich the Portbase service Notification Verified Gross Mass to ensure its customers enjoy easy compliance with the latest SOLAS requirements.

Introduced in July 2016, the VGM requirement stipulates that shippers must have containers weighed by an authorised party prior to shipping. This information must then be passed on to the relevant carrier either before collection, or at the allotted terminal entrance point. PLS' VGM application captures all relevant data before automatically, and securely, sharing it electronically with carriers – thus ensuring legal obligations are fulfilled and containers are not left standing on the docks.

Henning Voss, Co-founder and CEO of the Hamburg headquartered PLS, explains how VGM will add value for the Portbase community: "Portbase connects the players in the Dutch logistics market, enabling everyone in the logistics chain to share and access relevant information. VGM data is now a key element of that eco-system and by integrating our application into Portbase's service Notification Verified Gross Mass they have a simple means of exchanging it, instantly connecting forwarders to every conceivable carrier they wish to partner with."

He continues: "We've been developing advanced software solutions for the logistics sector for over 15 years, so we intimately understand our customers' needs and the shifting demands of the marketplace. The VGM application is testament to that. We now look forward to using it as a platform to assist the Dutch shipping community, while developing our relationship with one of its key players."

Speaking of the decision to partner with PLS, Portbase's Managing Director Iwan van der Wolf explains: "Portbase is pleased to work together with Portrix on the VGM application. It helps our community in their logistic processes and contributes to safer transport over sea."

Since its launch in 2001 PLS has established itself as the trusted choice of the freight forwarding industry, with five of the top ten global names choosing its renowned Global Price Management (GPM) software. The team is dedicated to enhancing efficiency, productivity and profit for its global customer base, utilising its unique software toolbox, unrivalled master data and high quality, personalised service to deliver competitive advantage.

Recent PLS developments include the launch of a Demurrage and Detention (D&D) application in May 2017 and the Tender Assistant GPM extension in March.

About Portrix Logistic Software:

For almost two decades, PORTRIX LOGISTIC SOFTWARE has built best-in-class rate management applications for the largest Freight Forwarders in the world. Today we count five of the top ten forwarders among our customers. Through our in-depth knowledge of the logistics industry and continuously evolving solutions, we have successfully helped our customers increase profits and productivity year-over-year. PORTRIX LOGISTIC SOFTWARE is a member of the portrix group, which has created and developed software for corporate customers since 2001.

<http://portrix-ls.de/>

About Portbase:

Portbase connects all parties in the logistics chains of Dutch ports. Through its Port Community System, Portbase facilitates the exchange of data between companies and the exchange of information with government authorities in order to allow everyone to work faster, more efficiently and at lower cost. Together with our growing community, we are continually adding value to this data sharing. Our goal: to make the Dutch port community, and thereby the ports themselves, the smartest in Europe. Portbase is a neutral, non profit organisation operating from within and for the port community.

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