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X-Press Feeders Powers its Fleet with ZeroNorth Platform



Global common carrier **X-Press Feeders** has signed a deal with technology company **ZeroNorth** to deploy the ZeroNorth platform across the carrier's entire fleet of feeder vessels, the companies have announced.

The terms of the deal will see the platform and its suite of the vessel, voyage, and Carbon Intensity Indicator (CII) optimization services used across X-Press Feeders' more than 100 vessels to improve earnings, bolster decision-making, and significantly contribute to the company's decarbonization strategy.

Partnering with ZeroNorth will enable X-Press Feeders to benefit from increased transparency and reduced workload across its sea and shore operations, powering up decision-making with actionable insights that will improve profitability and sustainability in tandem with each other.



The partnership will help to propel the continued decarbonisation of X-Press Feeders' operations. X-Press Feeders with its unit **Eastaway Ship Management Pte Ltd-Singapore**, have committed to zero emissions by 2050, with a ramping efficiency improvement target through to 2035. ZeroNorth's platform improves efficiency by providing a clear indicator of vessel and



X-Press-Feeders

fleet performance and uses a huge repository of data and fuel models to make recommendations on how to cut emissions and maximise CII ratings.

The platform uses vessel and fleet data, combined with the industry's most authoritative data on market rates, weather, bunker price, and availability to make its recommendations. Critically, the depth of ZeroNorth's vessel data and fuel models allow the platform to make realistic recommendations based on actual conditions a vessel is facing at sea, considerably powering up decision-making for users.

Given the critical role that X-Press Feeders shipping plays in containerized trade and supply chain, any potential optimisation to vessels and voyages is particularly relevant. X-Press Feeders vessels often operate on tightly organised routes with strict requirements on arrival times; arrival times that are currently under threat from port congestion and disrupted supply chains. These challenges and complexity mean that data-based solutions are one of the best near-term ways for the segment to identify areas for improvement in its operations.

Speaking on the announcement, **Jesper Bo Hansen, Chief Revenue Office at ZeroNorth**, said: "The feeder container segment plays an absolutely integral role in global trade,

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and we are delighted to be able to partner with a **recognised leader like X-Press Feeders** to help propel their decarbonisation strategy and improve profitability across their fleet”.

“**Like us, X-Press Feeders share our vision for a green future for global trade and recognise that digital technologies** are one of the only substantially impactful near-term solutions that can make that vision a reality. We look forward to working closely with the **X-Press Feeders** team and to continuing to deepen the partnership between our two organisations.”

Alex Hartnoll, Business Transformation, X-Press Feeders, added: “**Decarbonisation and the reduction of GHG emissions from our operations are key strategic pillars for X-Press Feeders,** and we are focused on improving the efficiency

of our fleet through a variety of operational and technical initiatives. ZeroNorth and its industry-leading platform of technology solutions are an obvious fit for our commercial and environmental strategy because they offer a well-rounded solution that provides tangible and actionable insights to our shoreside staff and crew”.

“Collaboration is integral if we – and the industry as a whole – are to meet our goals. ZeroNorth are a recognised and leading brand that is driving maritime sustainability forward and partnering with them is a real signal of ambition to the market. **We are looking forward to working with their team to achieve our target and who we know are passionate about our goals of greater fleet transparency, better vessel performance and lower GHG emissions”.**

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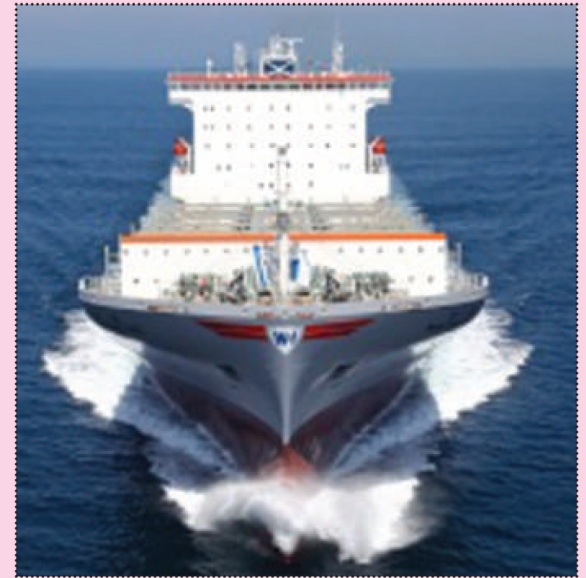
CSBC sells four boxship newbuilds to Wan Hai

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CSBC, Taiwan’s leading shipyard, has finally found a buyer for four ships it ordered on its own account and has been hawking around the market for the past few months.

Compatriot liner Wan Hai said in a regulatory filing that it had picked up CSBC’s quartet of 3,000 teu containerships under construction, paying between \$212m and \$220m.

The vessels are slated for delivery in 2023 and should replace some of the chartered vessels and older ships in Wan Hai’s fleet. The world’s 11th largest liner currently has 157 ships and 42 on order, according to Alphaliner data



Wan Hai lines

CSBC was one of the few major shipyards that failed to capitalise on the boxship order rush last year, so instead, it moved to build ships that could be potentially chartered out or sold, joining a raft of other Asian yards involved in containership leasing, including CSSC and Yangzijiang in China and Imabari in Japan.

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