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PRESS RELEASE

STRAND SHIPPING AS & VERTOM B.V. JOIN FORCES

RHOON, The Netherlands – February 2, 2022 – Shipbroker Strand Shipping AS, located in Mo i Rana, has agreed on a commercial cooperation with Vertom B.V. (hereafter: Vertom Group), located in Rhoon, the Netherlands.

Commercial Cooperation

While the Norwegians founded Strand Shipping in 1988, the Dutch already founded Vertom almost 50 years ago in 1974. At the time, Vertom was located in the Rotterdam port district only, employed 20 people and owned no more than three vessels. Both companies have shown significant growth in a turbulent market that has only really taken off in the last few years.

As a result of this commercial cooperation, Strand Shipping and the Vertom Group will be able to strengthen their impact on covering the Northern Europe shipping market even more by exchanging valuable knowledge and equipment. Both companies will be able to serve its customers with logistic solutions within the European and Scandinavian shipping market in a more efficient and competitive manner.

Tom Engø, Manager of Strand Shipping, states that in a blooming market their partners are requesting flexible solutions, increased focus on the environment, access to every corner in the world, effective clearances of the vessels and an updated system for knowledge and know-how. “In Vertom we found everything we were looking for, and it is our hope that our partners will gain from this cooperation and see positive effects for the exciting future we see ahead of us.”

Arjan de Jong, Chief Executive Officer of the Vertom Group, states that “Vertom is pleased with the announcement of this commercial cooperation. We are excited about the potential this unlocks for us in the years to come. We believe because of this move, we can grow faster and with more impact in Northern Europe. Our focus will always be on the staff and customer. This cooperation will create a large team of experienced staff who are dedicated to serve the needs of the customer in this challenging shipping market. We believe both companies share the same values and will be of added value for each other. By means of this commercial cooperation we broaden our European footprint.”

Agency Services

As a maritime service provider, the Vertom Group is also active as a shipping agent, offering a professional representation in all major European ports. Mo Shipping Agency AS, a sister company of Strand Shipping, offers agency services all along the Norwegian coast. Both companies will be expanding their business activities in the Scandinavian shipping market and invest to strengthening and optimizing its services.



About Vertom

The Vertom Group is one of the biggest owners within the European shortsea shipping segment, offering a variety of maritime services that assist the industry with logistic solutions. The Vertom Group currently operates a modern fleet of around 100 vessels in the range 1.500 to 10.000 DWAT.

About Strand Shipping

Strand Shipping was officially founded by Stein-Tore Strand in 1988. Nowadays, Strand Shipping focusses on both shipbrokering and agency services with a strong presence in the Scandinavian shipping market. Strand Shipping has 14 employees and a fleet of about 20 vessels in the range of 2.000 to 5.000 DWAT.

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Additional visual representation in respect of this press release is available upon request.