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International logistics company creating sustainable transportation in Malmö port

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The Dutch logistics company Westerman Multimodal Logistics is establishing itself in the port in Malmö. A facility is being constructed here for transshipment of freight, for combi-traffic intended for rail, road and sea. It will be an important hub for a Northern European transport corridor. The property, Verkö 5, comprises an area of some 43,000 square metres, with the

municipality receiving about 1.8 million per annum.

The establishment of Westerman Multimodal Logistics will create a sustainable transport solution between Scandinavia and the continent, and strengthen the position of Malmö port. The fact that Malmö City is letting new sites with leasehold rights to the Belgian property company MG Real Estate, which will be Westerman's landlord, entails a major investment in Malmö Industrial Park and the port area.

The new establishment involves 50 new workplaces in the facility, with increased employment in sectors linked to transport and logistics, as well as trade and industry in general in the Malmö region.

"This is an important investment for the port's continued expansion and investment in Malmö's port area and our development area, Malmö Industrial Park. The establishment will also create welcome new jobs," says Andreas Schönström (S), Chair of the Technical Services Committee.

Westerman has long experience of intermodal freight transport and is strongly linked to central Europe via the Netherlands, as well as to other major markets within Europe and other parts of the world. The establishment means that Malmö City can continue to focus on strengthening the infrastructure for rail in the port area. Moving long distance freight transport from road to rail entails a substantial reduction in emissions levels as considerably heavier freight can be jointly loaded on trains.

"We are looking forward very much to creating a strong logistics hub in Malmö where we can derive benefit from effective and sustainable solutions for transshipment via sea and rail. Malmö is perfectly located in the Northern European transport corridor," says Lambert Van Dieren, CEO of Westerman Multimodal Logistics.

Handling of rail freight will take place in close collaboration between Westerman and the port operator Copenhagen Malmö Port (CMP), with a direct connection to the container and ferry terminal.

"There is a clear demand for this service from the region's trade and industry and this investment will be a sustainable step in the work of moving freight from long distance lorries to rail and shipping in close collaboration both with us at CMP

and with our other collaborative partners. Westerman's establishment will further reinforce the network in the port and together we can offer the customers even more solutions," says Barbara Scheel Agersnap, CEO, Copenhagen Malmö Port.

The development of Malmö Industrial Park, an expansive industrial area that offers attractive industrial land in Northern Harbour in Malmö, is taking place in collaboration with CMP. Corporate establishments are ongoing within Malmö Industrial Park. In December, Malmö City sold about 66,500 square metres of land in the port to MG Real Estate.

"We are pleased that within six months we have been able to continue our investment with another establishment in Malmö Industrial Park, as well as offer flexible logistics properties to our tenants. We realise the importance of sustainable construction, of which this project will be a very good example, and we are delighted that we will soon be under way," says Anton van Vlerken, Chief Country Officer, Netherlands and Nordics at MG Real Estate.

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