

## Short Sea Car Carrier UECC Selects Quintiq Planning, Scheduling and Optimization Technology to Enable Sustainable Growth

**'s-Hertogenbosch, the Netherlands, August 5, 2008 – UECC, the leading automotive short sea carrier in Europe, and Quintiq, a leading provider of Advanced Planning and Scheduling (APS) solutions, today announced that UECC has chosen Quintiq and implementation partner Ab Ovo to provide a Key Performance driven planning and optimization solution for its Europe-wide operations.**

Today's sky-rocketing bunker prices, increasing vessel prices, shifting car production locations and dynamics of short sea operations with very short lead times make it complex for carriers to achieve operational excellence.

Mr Craig Jasienski, Managing Director of UECC, says: 'Customers are asking us for cost-efficient solutions, to reduce operation cost, for increased flexibility and capacity, and for more real-time information sharing. With Quintiq we can provide customers with optimal solutions, improve operational efficiency and reduce cost in our value chain.'

The Quintiq solution will provide UECC with complete transparency throughout its network-wide planning chain. Planners will now get decision support based on real-time KPIs, visualized on their personalized screen, enabling them to make optimal planning decisions while being able to tune the plan even at the last minute. By improving the quality and availability of planning data, the Quintiq solution will improve communication between Fleet Operation and Customer Service processes, enable efficient planning of cargo to vessels, and provide full visibility to all planners and logistics staff. Additionally, UECC will be able to optimize vessel setup and utilization by taking into account not only the cargo to be shipped but also the capacity at the individual terminals.

Development began in mid-June 2008 and expected ROI savings will start as early as four months after going live. The unique solution based on standard Quintiq technology will be implemented by Ab Ovo and will cover planning of cargo to multiple vessels, forecasting and vessel planning. Furthermore, the Quintiq APS platform enables UECC to optimize future terminal and VPC (Vehicle Processing Centers) operations in an integrated solution.

Arjen Heeres, COO at Quintiq adds: "The extreme dynamics of short sea trading requires a flexible decision support system with parallel optimization capabilities. We are very proud that UECC has chosen our standard planning and optimization technology to support their aspirations and help them realize their goals."

"As a short sea logistics market leader, and an operator of several major terminals, UECC recognizes how advanced technology and expert knowledge can help it overcome industry-wide challenges," says Ronald Bolijn, CTO at Ab Ovo. "Beyond

streamlining automotive shipping logistics, the Quintiq technology can also bring significant benefits to terminal operators by enabling them to understand how long cargo will stay on berth so they can optimize space allocations for quickest possible loading.”

#### **About United European Car Carriers**

United European Car Carriers is the leading short sea car carrier in Europe, transporting over 2.2 million cars and RoRo units a year. In addition to our fleet of some 32 purpose-built vessels, we operate our own terminals and vehicle handling centres throughout Europe. UECC is owned in equal shares by Nippon Yusen Kabushiki Kaisha (NYK) of Tokyo, one of the world's largest shipping companies and by Wallenius Lines of Stockholm, Sweden's foremost shipping enterprise.

#### **About Quintiq**

Quintiq provides advanced planning, scheduling and supply chain management solutions. The fast-growing Dutch company, established in 1997, offers software for planning and optimizing complex business processes throughout the enterprise. The company's headquarters is located in the Netherlands and it has subsidiaries in Germany, UK, Finland, Malaysia, China, Australia, and the USA. For more information: [www.quintiq.com](http://www.quintiq.com).

#### **About Ab Ovo**

Ab Ovo is a fast growing IT-service provider that supports clients with high-minded services and products in order to improve their competitiveness. The company is an authority in the area of planning- and optimization solutions and offers innovative IT solutions based on 'best of breed' software' or their own development technology TET. Besides this an impressive track record has been built around managing complex, large-scale and in many cases troublesome projects in past years. This is why the company motto is: "With our help, it can be done"

Among its clients are companies and state institutions such as KLM, Schiphol, the Dutch ministries of Housing and Internal Affairs, Achmea, INHOLLAND University and several European railway companies like the Railion Group (the Netherlands, Germany, Denmark), National Express Group, First Group, EWS and ProRail. For more information: [www.ab-ovo.com](http://www.ab-ovo.com).

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