

SafmarineMPV upgrades its South Africa-West Africa multi-purpose shipping service

Multipurpose shipping line SafmarineMPV - which has been a key supplier of seaborne transport services to West Africa for decades - has upgraded its SAFWAF multi-purpose shipping service (connecting South Africa and West Africa) from six-weekly to monthly sailings.

According to SafmarineMPV SAFWAF Line Management, "This SAFWAF service enhancement is in response to increased interest from several of our loyal supporters. The increased deployment allows us to provide the trade with both higher frequency and regularity, as well as more extensive port coverage through inducement into the Central West Africa port range (Cameroon to Ivory Coast)."

Core ports of call on the SAFWAF service are Walvis Bay, Durban, Cape Town, Sonils (Luanda), Matadi, Pointe Noire and Port Gentil.

SafmarineMPV says the fine-tuning of its SAFWAF service will "provide the marketplace with a solid means to capitalise on any growing business opportunities on this key trade route and to do so in various market sectors including agriculture, infrastructure, mining and energy.

"The increased frequency and regularity will also benefit and serve the growing number of container customers using the services of SafmarineMPV to ship directly to niche ports."

The service upgrade takes effect in early April 2015 with the Safmarine Longa Voyage SA 15002.

The South Africa-West Africa trade has been a core part of SafmarineMPV's business for more than a decade and the launch of the monthly SAFWAF service coincides with the 2015 Breakbulk Africa Congress which takes place in Johannesburg, South Africa this week.