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Great Lakes Feeder Lines closes deal on the purchase of Canada's first dedicated European style modern short sea shipping vessel 'Dutch Runner'

April 22, 2008 Burlington, ON - After taking over a year to conclude a deal on the German build, multi cargo 'Dutch Runner' Great Lakes Feeder Lines (GLFL) is pleased to announce the deal was signed today in Bremen.

The ship is in Spain undergoing scheduled and non scheduled maintenance and repairs before making her way to Canada where she will operate on the St. Lawrence and Great Lakes starting in May.

The Dutch Runner Type is Ro/Ro - Lo/Lo, double skin single decker fully fitted container vessel with its own cranes and with a stern ramp leading to the weather deck. She is ice class 1D and has a deadweight capacity of 3.056 metric tonnes and a total container capacity of 221 TEU's.

GLFL President, Aldert van Nieuwkoop stated, "There have been many obstacles beyond our control which delayed this day but we never doubted it would come to pass and now look forward to raising the Canadian flag on her and operate this fine vessel in pursuit of the much talked about short sea shipping markets in Canada and the United States."

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