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SeaRoad commences Bass Island Line trans-shipping service

Transport company SeaRoad yesterday (15 March) commenced its new weekly trans-shipping service for Bass Island Line, connecting the King Island shipping service with the Australian mainland.

SeaRoad won the tender to transport BIL's King Island freight between Devonport (Tasmania) and Melbourne, replacing BIL's Victorian port call.

Executive Chairman of SeaRoad, Chas Kelly, said the company was successful with its bid because it presented a seamless and efficient Bass Strait transport solution.

"With Bass Island Line sailing to West Devonport, partnering with SeaRoad provides a financially sustainable option for its operator, TasPorts, and meets customer demand for a Devonport call," Mr Kelly said.

"We look forward to delivering the high standard of service for which SeaRoad is known, and enabling local businesses, such as renowned King Island food brands, to meet their operational demands."

SeaRoad expects to transport approximately 20 x Twenty-foot Equivalent Units (TEUs) per week for BIL via its vessels *SeaRoad Mersey II* and *Liekut*.

Investing in growth

According to Mr Kelly, securing the tender supports the company's growth strategy, following more than 18 months of significant infrastructure and equipment investment in both Devonport and Port Melbourne, as well as the announcement of a new-build vessel due for completion in late 2023.

Most recently, SeaRoad purchased four new Konecrane forklifts from 100% Tasmanian-owned company United Equipment Pty Ltd, with the units valued at approximately \$2.5 million.

"We're proud to support local industry. SeaRoad is a strong, family-owned business with a passion for understanding the transport needs of our customers and partners," Mr Kelly said.

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About SeaRoad

SeaRoad is a privately-owned, Australian integrated shipping and logistics business specialising in Bass Strait. The company provides a customer-focussed service through purpose-built RoRo vessels servicing the route between Melbourne (Victoria) and Devonport (Tasmania).

SeaRoad's current two ships operate a dedicated cargo shipping service six days per week. *MV SeaRoad Mersey II*, built in 2016, is the first coastal ship in Australia to use LNG fuel and power technology. The modern *MV Liekut* joined the SeaRoad fleet in April 2021 under a three-year charter agreement. *Liekut* will be replaced by SeaRoad's newbuild vessel at the end of 2023.

In addition to its two Bass Strait shipping vessels, SeaRoad owns and operates a large road transport and container fleet as well as cargo-handling equipment, which the business utilises at its various terminals and depots.

SeaRoad has the capability to provide fully integrated 'door-to-door' services, incorporating container transport, packing, unpacking, storage and re-delivery.