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## FEATURE STORY – Country Focus

# Sri Lanka



## Globelink Colombo

Established since 2001, Globelink Colombo has grown over the years to be the leading consolidator in the market. After years of turmoil which started in the early 1980s and ending just a few years back, Sri Lanka is now on track to massive developments.



Formerly known as Ceylon until 1972, Sri Lanka is an island country located in the Indian Ocean off the southern coast of the Indian subcontinent. The country shares maritime borders with India and Maldives.

With India being the nation's largest trading partner, Sri Lanka is famous for its trademark export of cinnamon, rubber and Ceylon Tea.

Colombo is the commercial hub and largest city of the country. Established primarily as a port city during the colonial era, Colombo is also home to one of the biggest artificial harbors in the world.

## Port of Colombo

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The Port of Colombo is the largest and busiest port in Sri Lanka. Strategically located on the main East-West shipping route (linking the Far East with Africa, Europe and the East Coast of USA), the port serves as an excellent hub and provides ideal connections in the Indian sub-continent. Ranked among the top 35 ports in the world, the Port of Colombo is close to its container handling capacity. An expansion project for a new South Harbor is currently underway in order to meet the increasing capacity need.

### Colombo Port Expansion Project

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The Government of Sri Lanka (GOSL) has identified the expansion of Port of Colombo to cater to the increasing demand of services in the international shipping industry. The proposed Colombo South Harbor is situated west to the existing Port of Colombo. Construction for the new harbor started in December 2011 and completion for Phase I of the project is slated in December 2013 and completion for Phase II in April 2014.

## Port of Hambantota

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The Port of Hambantota located on the Southern tip of Sri Lanka and closed to the international shipping routes is currently under construction. Phase I of the project which provided for bunkering, ship repair, ship building and crew change facilities was completed in November 2010. Phase II of the project which includes a container terminal is expected to be completed by 2014. Upon completion, the Hambantota port will be the second largest port after Colombo port and will help relieve pressure on Colombo port.



Instead of resting on the laurels as a market leader, Globelink Colombo is continuously rolling out campaigns to increase more market share and add new trade lanes into its services offered.

## Export Warehouse

Globelink Colombo manages its own export CFS which is located 3 km from the Port of Colombo. Besides export consolidation service, Globelink Colombo is able to offer an array of value-added services to complement its core activity.

Other services include:-

- ✓ Metal racking for fragile/ non-stackable commodities
- ✓ Customs clearance
- ✓ Palletizing, repacking & labeling
- ✓ Hazardous cargo handling
- ✓ Heavy lift cargo handling



## Import Warehouse

Utilizing BQ 3 warehouse inside the Port premises, all containers are unpacked within 48 hours upon vessel discharge. Discrepancies and damaged reports are transmitted within 24 hours after unpacking to origin agents. The import operations are fully supervised by Globelink Colombo's own team of staff based at the warehouse.



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## Globelink Colombo Direct LCL Consolidation Services

### Colombo – Export

<b>POL</b>	<b>POD Country</b>	<b>POD</b>	<b>POL</b>	<b>POD Country</b>	<b>POD</b>
<b>Colombo</b>	Bangladesh	<b>Chittagong</b>	<b>Colombo</b>	Kenya	<b>Mombasa</b>
	Belgium	<b>Antwerp</b>		Korea	<b>Busan</b>
	Canada	<b>Montreal</b>		Malaysia	<b>Port Klang</b>
		<b>Toronto</b>		Maldives	<b>Male</b>
	Germany	<b>Hamburg</b>		Netherlands	<b>Rotterdam</b>
	Hong Kong	<b>Hong Kong</b>		New Zealand	<b>Auckland</b>
	India	<b>Bangalore</b>		Norway	<b>Oslo</b>
		<b>Calcutta</b>		Pakistan	<b>Karachi</b>
		<b>Chennai</b>		Singapore	<b>Singapore</b>
		<b>Cochin</b>		Spain	<b>Barcelona</b>
		<b>Nhava Sheva</b>		Sweden	<b>Gothenburg</b>
		<b>Tuticorin</b>		UAE	<b>Dubai</b>
	Italy	<b>Genoa</b>		UK	<b>Felixstowe</b>

### Colombo – Import

<b>POD</b>	<b>POL Country</b>	<b>POL</b>	<b>POD</b>	<b>POL Country</b>	<b>POL</b>
<b>Colombo</b>	Bangladesh	<b>Chittagong</b>	<b>Colombo</b>	India	<b>Pipavav</b>
	China	<b>Guangzhou</b>			<b>Tuticorin</b>
		<b>Ningbo</b>		Indonesia	<b>Jakarta</b>
		<b>Qingdao</b>		Italy	<b>Genoa</b>
		<b>Shanghai</b>		Korea	<b>Busan</b>
		<b>Shenzhen</b>		Malaysia	<b>Port Klang</b>
		<b>Xiamen</b>		Netherlands	<b>Rotterdam</b>
		<b>Xingang</b>		Pakistan	<b>Karachi</b>
	Czech Republic	<b>Prague</b>		Singapore	<b>Singapore</b>
	Germany	<b>Hamburg</b>		Spain	<b>Barcelona</b>
	India	<b>Calcutta</b>		Taiwan	<b>Kaohsiung</b>
		<b>Chennai</b>		Thailand	<b>Bangkok</b>
		<b>Cochin</b>		Turkey	<b>Istanbul</b>
		<b>Ludhiana</b>		UAE	<b>Dubai</b>
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## SERVICE INTRODUCTION – New Services

### New Export Consolidation Service

CWT Globelink group has added below direct consolidation service in our network.

#### Hong Kong to Alexandria

- ❖ Cut-off: Wednesday
- ❖ ETD Hong Kong: Sunday
- ❖ ETA Alexandria: Thursday
- ❖ Transit: 26 days
- ❖ Frequency: Weekly

To find out more about this new service, please contact Globelink Hong Kong – Tel: +852 25403318.

#### Spain to Libya

In January 2013, Globelink Spain started a new direct consolidation service from Barcelona/Valencia to Tripoli, Libya. Please note that hazardous cargo and freight collect terms can now be accepted.

- ❖ POL: Barcelona/ Valencia
- ❖ POD: Tripoli
- ❖ Transit: 12 days
- ❖ Frequency: Fortnightly

For enquiries, please contact Globelink Spain.

Globelink Barcelona – Tel: +34 93 2687575

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## **NOTICES – Globelink Offices**

### **Hazardous Cargo into Port Klang**

For any hazardous cargo into Port Klang, kindly ensure the following procedure is followed:

1. Full set of MSDS to be sent to Globelink Port Klang for approval and acceptance of cargo.
2. If cargo is approved by Globelink Port Klang, proper hazardous declaration with the shipping line must be done before loading the cargo.
3. Should there be any hazardous cargo found undeclared upon unpacking of the consolidation box, it will incur a penalty with the Port Authorities of charges up to USD 2,000 for non-declaration, which origin agent has to be fully liable for.

Please note that for hazardous cargo, there is strictly no free storage days offered by the port. Consignee has to custom clear and pick up cargo upon shipment arrival to avoid high hazardous port storage charges.

For any enquiries, kindly contact Globelink Port Klang at email: [globepkl@globelink.com.my](mailto:globepkl@globelink.com.my)

### **Commodity Restriction for Cargo into La Habana**

Please note that personal effects cargo is strictly not accepted to La Habana, Cuba.



## NOTICES – GCA and notices by its member



### **The Global Consolidator Alliance (GCA)**

In order to provide better service coverage for the international freight forwarding community, Globelink and its key agents in the network formed the Global Consolidator Alliance (GCA) in 2009. The GCA provides centrally coordinated communication platforms through its secretariat in Singapore, and is further complemented by several regional and local contact points.

The GCA and Globelink agency network handles more than 6.0 mil cbm of LCL cargo annually, with a comprehensive network coverage of over 1,500 direct trade lanes, linking close to 100 ports of origin to 200 ports of destination. Through comprehensive pre-carriage and on-carriage capabilities, another 1,500 global origins and destinations and more are seamlessly and efficiently connected by the GCA-Globelink network.

For more details about GCA, please contact [secretariat@gca-online.net](mailto:secretariat@gca-online.net)

### **New CFS Security System and Improved Track & Trace**

Globelink's GCA partner, Austromar, has successfully launched a new CCTV system in their Prague CFS. The new device boost high quality recording and coverage of the entire CFS area which will provide greater security and better service quality.

As part of the network's initiative to offer end to end visibility on all shipments, Austromar has improved its Track & Trace system to allow user to view more information on the shipment status.

## **NOTICES – Globelink Network Partners**

### **Fumigation for Cargoes into Piraeus**

Customs authorities in Piraeus, Greece have intensified inspections for imported cargoes with wooden packagings e.g. pallets, crates and boxes to ensure that proper fumigation has been carried out.

If any cargoes are found non-fumigated or do not bear the appropriate fumigation stamp, clearance of the cargo will not be allowed and customs may order the destruction of the shipment.

In view of this, kindly ensure that all cargoes with wooden packaging are properly fumigated to avoid consignees facing delays in picking up their shipments.

### **Proper Documentation for Transshipment Cargoes into Africa**

Kindly note for all transshipment cargoes into Africa, the consignee and contact details on the house bill of lading must be located in the same final destination as reflected on the house bill of lading. Consignee cannot be located in a different country from the stated final destination.

For example, if final destination is showing Beira, Mozambique, consignee must be located in Mozambique and not other African countries.

Proper documentation procedure has to be adhered to avoid transshipment problems and delays.

## INDUSTRY NEWS

### Global container volume grows at the slowest pace since 2009

Any hopes for an early pickup in shipping demand in 2013 will likely prove unfulfilled as the slow pace of growth in recent years is expected to continue this year as well.

The latest data from maritime analyst Alphaliner shows that the world's top 25 container ports posted their lowest growth rates since 2009 last year.

These top 25 ports, which comprise 11 Chinese ports (including Hong Kong), seven elsewhere in the Far East, four in Europe, two in the US and one in the Middle East, saw their total volumes increase just four per cent in 2012, compared with 8.7 per cent in 2011 and 15.5 per cent in 2010.

The weak container volume growth is largely a result of a 4.4 per cent fall in Asia-Europe traffic last year and a reported 0.4 per cent contraction in transpacific traffic.

#### Headhaul volumes and growth by month : 2012 Asia-Europe

2012	TEU	12/11 %
Jan	1,266,100	-3.3%
Feb	911,200	7.7%
Mar	1,161,100	-1.4%
Apr	1,155,700	-2.1%
May	1,199,000	-2.8%
Jun	1,141,400	-4.2%
Jul	1,176,000	-12.1%
Aug	1,162,800	-11.4%
Sep	1,107,400	-2.2%
Oct	1,042,600	-8.6%
Nov	1,008,300	-5.8%
Dec	1,233,200	-2.0%
Full Year	13,564,800	-4.4%

Source: Alphaliner

This soft demand environment is projected to continue on the Asia-Europe trade this year due to the fragile state of economies of the Euro zone.

The transpacific trade, on the other hand, does offer a slightly more optimistic scenario, but even so growth is only expected to be modest in 2013 because of the slowly recovering US economy.

According to the latest data on the container shipping industry 2013 will be yet another year of strong capacity growth. If demand fails to overwhelmingly surprise on the positive side, the supply glut of today will continue.

Clarkson Research Services estimates that 47 mega ships of between 10,000 TEU and 18,000 TEU will be delivered in 2013. As usual, the majority of these new ultra large containerships will be deployed on the Asia-Europe route, which will exert more pressure on the freight rates.

Said Minneapolis-based research firm Zepol's CEO Paul Rasmussen in a recent report: "We didn't see a dramatic move from 2011 to 2012 [in the US market], and so far in January, the numbers aren't surprising. I think modest increases can be expected this year as we continue the slow bounce-back from the recession."

## OTHERS



### Australia

29 - 31 Mar Easter

### Bulgaria

03 Mar Liberation Day

### Costa Rica

28 Mar Maundy Thursday

29 Mar Good Friday

### Croatia

31 Mar Easter

### Guatemala

28 Mar Maundy Thursday

29 Mar Good Friday

### Hong Kong

29 Mar Good Friday

30 Mar Holy Saturday

### India

27 Mar Holi

29 Mar Good Friday

### Indonesia

12 Mar Hari Raya Nyepi (Hindu New Year)

29 Mar Good Friday

### Korea

01 Mar Independence Movement Day

### Pakistan

23 Mar Pakistan Day

### Portugal

29 Mar Good Friday

31 Mar Easter

### Singapore

29 Mar Good Friday

### Slovenia

31 Mar Easter

### Spain

19 Mar St. Joseph's Day\*

28 Mar Maundy Thursday\*

29 Mar Good Friday

\* Regional holiday.

### Sri Lanka

10 Mar Mahashivratri

27 Mar Medin Full Moon Poya Day

29 Mar Good Friday

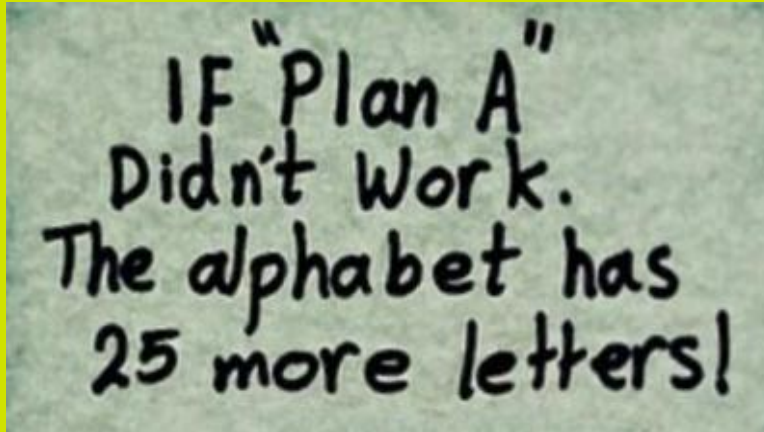
### Thailand

11 Mar Makha Bucha Day

### UK

29 Mar Good Friday

## INSPIRING QUOTE



CWT Globelink started in 1988 in Singapore. It has now expanded to more than 100 offices in 27 countries, providing comprehensive and high quality consolidation services to our valued customers.

CWT Globelink's presence includes Australia, Bulgaria, China, Costa Rica, Croatia, Egypt, Guatemala, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Kuwait, Malaysia, Morocco, Pakistan, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Singapore, Slovenia, South Korea, Spain, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom and Vietnam.

Together with key members of its agency network, Globelink formed the Global Consolidator Alliance (GCA) to provide comprehensive and seamless global coverage to its valued customers.

For more information about the CWT Globelink Group, please refer to our website: [www.cwt-globelink.com](http://www.cwt-globelink.com) or contact: [newsletter@cwt-globelink.com](mailto:newsletter@cwt-globelink.com)



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