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VTA HELPS TRANSPORT OPERATORS UNDERSTAND NEW DP WORLD VEHICLE BOOKING SYSTEM

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In a move designed to assist all road transport operators engaged in the in-land transport of international containers to and from the Port of Melbourne, the Victorian Transport Association (VTA) will host a series of Operator Workshops on the functionality of the new Vehicle Booking System (VBS) to be introduced into DP World's West Swanson Terminal from July 2010.

From July 2010, DP World West Swanson Terminal will change to the 1-Stop Vehicle Booking System (VBS) platform. This is part of broader technology upgrades being rolled-out by DP World nationally, including a new Customer Portal to replace "e-PORTS".

"The VTA is committed to working closely with DP World to ensure a smooth transition to the new VBS platform." said the VTA's Deputy CEO, Neil Chambers.

"The VTA will host a series of **VBS Operator Workshops** from Monday to Wednesday, 21 to 23 June 2010, to help to familiarise VBS operators and other operational staff within road transport companies on the use of the new system."

"We've also worked hard with DP World in the lead-up to this important change to ensure that new functionality is added to the system to improve its performance and its user-friendliness for transport operators."

"The change by DP World to the 1-Stop VBS platform is also significant as it means that both international container stevedores in the largest container port in Australia, the Port of Melbourne, will be sourcing VBS technology through the same supplier." Mr. Chambers noted.

"Since the implementation of VBS in the Port of Melbourne in the early 1990s – the first Port to implement such systems in Australia – the VTA has been advocating for a common technology approach by the existing stevedores".

"Finally now, with the implementation of the 1-Stop VBS in West Swanson Terminal from July 2010, we can start to advocate for greater visibility of information between both stevedore terminals, and enhanced functionality that will help to improve truck performance, back-loading opportunities and truck loading ratios." Mr. Chambers concluded.

All carriers registered with DP World in the Port of Melbourne can attend the free two-hour Workshops. A Registration Form can be downloaded from the home page of the VTA website at www.vta.com.au

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