**NEWS RELEASE**

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Spliethoff’s “Cleveland – Europe Express” open all year.

*Spliethoff offers service from Antwerp & Zeebrugge via Baltimore to Cleveland, when the Great Lakes are closed due to ice.*

Due to continuing growth and demand from the market, Spliethoff is introducing a sailing twice per month between Antwerp/Zeebrugge and Baltimore during wintertime, when the Great Lakes are closed. There will be a connecting rail service from Baltimore to Cleveland, Ohio. U.S.A.

Spliethoff is providing a year round solution to and from Cleveland, Ohio, U.S.A. Customers are getting frequency, reliability, continuity, speed and competitive solutions both for breakbulk, project cargo and containers, in both directions.

As soon as the Great Lakes will open again in 2016, normally early spring, Spliethoff goes back to the direct port calls to Valleyfield (Montreal, Canada, ‘en route’) and Cleveland, Ohio.

The Cleveland – Europe Express was introduced in 2014, based on 1 vessel sailing back and forth to Cleveland, Ohio.

In 2015, the capacity doubled to 2 sailings per month, and as of spring 2016, the service is now expected to increase to weekly sailings, so, up to 4 sailings per month, with direct port calls to Valleyfield, Canada, and Cleveland, Ohio, U.S.A.

The terminal in Cleveland is now investing in shore cranes, and a new warehouse will be completed offering cross docking and storage options.
About Spliethoff

Established in 1921, Spliethoff™ is the dry cargo and multipurpose specialist of the Spliethoff Group™, which has built a reputation for its high quality standards and for being a reliable, loyal partner over the decades.

Spliethoff™ manages a fleet of over 50 modern, ice-classed, multipurpose vessels, ranging from 12,000 to 23,000 tonnes. All vessels are sailing under the Dutch flag and equipped with tween decks and cargo cranes. Additionally, the S-type vessels are equipped with sideloaders, enabling fast and weather independent cargo operations of products such as forest products and palletised cargoes.

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