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Vancouver Fraser Port Authority Board of Directors Announces Peter Xotta as President and CEO

The Vancouver Fraser Port Authority's board of directors has appointed Peter Xotta as president and chief executive officer, effective Monday, December 4. This appointment follows a comprehensive and competitive global executive search process facilitated by Korn Ferry.

[Peter most recently served as vice president, operations and supply chain for the port authority, where he was responsible for land and marine operations, health, safety and security, and port and supply chain optimization activities.](#)

[Read more in a press release from the Port of Vancouver.](#)

Five Carrier CEOs Call for Regulatory Partnership and End to Fossil Fuel Ships

The CEOs of five of the world's largest shipping companies took the unusual step of joining together to outline a shared vision to accelerate the decarbonization of the global maritime industry. Timed to the conclusion of the UN's COP 28 conference in Dubai, the executives of CMA CGM, Maersk, MSC, Hapag and Wallenius Wilhelmsen called for cooperation, including an alliance with the International Maritime Organization, and the definitive regulatory measures needed to create the investment conditions critical to accelerating the industry's green transition.

As four of the largest container shipping companies, along with the leader in vehicle logistics, each of the companies highlights that they have taken steps to drive the transition. They are investing in efforts within their fleets and reiterating their belief that the importance of shipping achieving the IMO's greenhouse gas targets is very clear.

Read more in an [article from The Maritime Executive](#).

Transnet Set to Unveil 'Roadmap' to End South African Shipping Delays Now at 'Crisis' Point

South African minister Kumbudzo Ntshavheni addressed a roadmap to end the logistics crisis in South Africa that has seen containerships stuck at anchorage for weeks.

The South African government is being held accountable for a failure to invest in port and rail operator Transnet.

This has led to extensive shipping delays that are now at “crisis level,” according to Paul Hardman, chief operations officer of the Citrus Growers’ Association, which, he says, relies on smooth cargo movements to ship perishables.

Read more in an [article from The Loadstar](#).