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Australian port terminal operator Qube becomes the latest in a long list of port operations to be facing potential strikes by dockworkers. The National Maritime Union (NMU) of Australia anticipates that 10 Australian ports will be involved by late December as it seeks to expand its industrial action against the company.

The NMU asserts that the real value of wages paid to its members by Qube has declined 14 percent due to inflation since the pandemic. The union's demands include pay increases that catch up with inflation and protect dockworkers' purchasing power. They cite the principle of "same job same pay," demanding increases for all workers.

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

MSC Adds Even More Port Calls to Its 2025 Standalone Network

MSC's updated proforma 2025 network schedule indicates the company is doubling down on its strategy of offering shippers and forwarders as many port pairs as possible.

The changes see new load ports added to its Asia-Europe and transpacific services, new destination ports added in Europe and North America, and a redesign of its Indian subcontinent transshipment network on backhaul, as well as headhaul routes.

At last month's World Ports Conference, MSC chief executive Soren Toft said that the world's largest shipping line had predicated its network design on the belief that shippers value direct port calls higher than anything else.

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

Hapag-Lloyd Concludes Long-Term Offtake Agreement for Green Methanol

Hapag-Lloyd has reached an agreement with Goldwind, a specialist in energy development, energy devices, energy services and energy use, with headquarters in Beijing, for the delivery of 250,000 tonnes of green methanol per year. The green methanol will consist of a blend of bio- and e-methanol, ensuring greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction of at least 70 percent, and comply with all current sustainability certification requirements.

"As part of our Strategy 2030, we are fully committed to the 1.5-degree target of the Paris Agreement and therefore also to sustainable investments. With the agreement, we are securing a

significant proportion of our requirements for green fuels. This will bring us an important step closer to our goal of achieving net-zero fleet operations by 2045,” said Rolf Habben Jansen, CEO of Hapag-Lloyd AG.

By 2030, Hapag-Lloyd aims to reduce the absolute GHG emissions of the fleet by around one third compared with 2022. Compared with conventional fuels, the ordered quantity of green methanol can save a total of up to 400,000 tonnes of CO₂e emissions in fleet operations per year.

Read more in a [press release from Hapag-Lloyd](#).