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MSC boss Soren Toft takes the chair at World Shipping Council

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MSC

Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC) chief executive Soren Toft has been elected as the new chairman of the liner lobby group, the World Shipping Council (WSC).

Randy Chen, vice chairman of Taiwanese containerline Wan Hai, has been elected vice chair.

Toft and Chen will serve a two-year term, succeeding Rolf Habben Jansen, CEO of Hapag-Lloyd, and Jeremy Nixon, CEO of Ocean Network Express (ONE), who have been co-chairs of the WSC since November 2020.

“It is an honour to step into the role of chair for the World Shipping Council and to represent the global liner shipping industry alongside our members. WSC is today a respected voice of liner shipping, engaging with governments and organisations globally,” Toft said.

“An ever-changing world presents both challenges and opportunities for our industry as we head into the future, and I am eager to further advance our work to shape the future growth of a socially

responsible, environmentally sustainable, safe and secure shipping industry,” MSC boss for the past four years and former chief of operations at Danish liner Maersk added.

Commenting on Toft’s and Chen’s appointments, WSC president and CEO Joe Kramek said, “Both are esteemed leaders with a proven track record of driving innovation and sustainability in the global shipping industry. Their experience and expertise will be instrumental in continuing to develop the World Shipping Council as the united voice of liner shipping.”