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## Western Container Services Drives Forwards While Economic Uncertainty Reigns

In the face of unprecedented global turmoil, including unrest in the Middle East, political tensions, financial strains, and the slow recovery from COVID-19, many industries in Australia face significant uncertainty at the start of 2024. Amidst these challenges, Western Container Services (Western Containers) is seizing an opportunity to support businesses in Sydney and greater NSW by offering more efficient and cost-effective FCL container cartage and depot services. Announcing the next phase of their multimillion-dollar investment in container cartage and depot services, Western Container cartage service, reaffirming their commitment to their mantra of "Remarkable Customer Service."

On January 3, 2024, Western Containers took a significant step forward by adding a Mercedes Benz Actros 5 L 2658 truck to their fleet. This move is set to revolutionize container cartage to final destinations, offering Western Containers greater control and efficiency with less reliance on third-party providers. The new Actros 5 is equipped with the latest in environmental and safety features, including advanced engine technologies for improved efficiency, ergonomic cabin designs, Mercedes PowerShift automated transmission, and various safety systems like Active Brake Assist and stability control.

In an era marked by rising fuel costs, global demand surges, supply chain disruptions, geopolitical factors, and union trade disputes, the cost of transporting goods has become increasingly burdened with wait times and demurrage charges. Western Container Services is strategically positioned to mitigate these challenges, providing reliable service to NSW's import and export businesses.

Rick Johnson, Managing Director at Western Containers, understands the complexities of cartage from the wharf to the depot and knows where he can benefit customers. He emphasizes that ensuring timely delivery to the end customer can yield significant savings for businesses. The company will grow a fleet of modern, environmentally friendly trucks with the latest safety features is a testament to this commitment. Complete control over scheduling will reduce delays, enhance reliability, and ensure on-time deliveries.

Chris Divis, an industry veteran with over 35 years of experience in trucking and transport, said, "One of the best ways we can reduce costs for customers is to ensure they get their goods sooner. Deliveries need to be on time and scheduled to suit the customer. This is how Western Containers will distinguish itself from other container cartage options."

Craig Lennon, Operations Manager at Western Containers has focused his decades of industry experience in 2023 to drive Western Containers forward as it made significant investments at the depot level, including a dedicated power station for over 100 refrigerated container points, new bonded storage areas, onsite fumigation, and AA14.4 Rural tailgate inspections. Continuing this trajectory in 2024, they are expanding their transport capabilities, embodying their philosophy of providing "Remarkable Customer Service" at every step.

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About Western Container Services:

## AUSTRALIAN FAMILY OWNED & OPERATED, TRANSPORT & STORAGE, QUARANTINE & BONDED CONTAINER DEPO

Western Container Services, renowned for its Remarkable customer service and commitment to providing cost-effective solutions, has been a leader in Sydney's container services for over four decades. The depot location is positioned within a gateway to the west for Sydney businesses. Complete FCL depot services including: FCL cartage, FCL storage, FCL unpack, distribution and out of gauge cartage. Their expansive depot has a capacity of 3600 TEU and boasts 100+ powered reefer points, ensuring efficient storage for both export and imported freight. With an array of services including 77G Underbond Container and Reefer Storage, AA14.4 Rural Tailgate

Inspections and Approved Wash Bay, BMSB Fumigation, Quarantine Approved Premises. ERS Johnson Pty Ltd t/a Western Container Services - Quarantine Approved Premises #: N3181, Class 1.3: Sea and Air Freight Depot (restricted), Class 2.6: Empty Shipping Container Parks, Class 4.3: Cleaning, Class 4.6 Fumigation, Class 14.4 Rural Tailgate Inspection, 77G Bond – Licence No:- 017196B Est. Code: GP51J.

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