Ocean Network Express (ONE) provides free transportation of 11,500 books from Singapore to stock mobile libraries for children in rural South Africa

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27th March 2025 – London - Ocean Network Express (ONE) has provided free transportation of 11,500 books directly supporting the vital work of the South African Primary Education Support Initiative (SAPESI).

The books were collected by Sony Group of Companies in Singapore, with the strong support from schools, employees as well as communities through donation points at Sony stores. In collaboration with Sony Electronics (Singapore), ONE ensured the safe and efficient delivery of these valuable resources to SAPESI.

SAPESI believes that reading is the basis of all learning and providing access to books will help alleviate the gap in educational opportunities for children in rural areas. This year they aim to deploy 100 mobile library buses to serve 2500 schools across South Africa, ensuring at least one mobile library in operation for each of the 96 education districts.

This shipment is the third time that ONE has generously provided free transportation for SAPESI. This latest shipment of much-appreciated books will be used to equip 9 mobile library buses, supporting 4 education districts, expanding free access to books for children in remote communities.

Lyndon Wood, Director of Ocean Network Express (South Africa) (PTY) Ltd, said "We are honored to support the work of SAPESI providing our shipping and logistics capabilities to deliver these books which will assist in expanding the horizons of children in South Africa's rural communities. At ONE we remain dedicated to making a positive impact on local communities."

Tad Hasunama, Director of SAPESI commented "We thank both Sony and ONE for their generous support in donating and transporting these much-needed books from opposite sides of the world to reach children in remote corners of South Africa. Their compassionate actions help us in our mission to narrow the education gap in South Africa and improve literacy and numeracy levels in primary schools."

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About Ocean Network Express (Europe) Ltd.

Launched on April 1, 2018, Ocean Network Express (Europe) Ltd. is the regional headquarters and a subsidiary of Ocean Network Express (ONE), headquartered in Singapore.

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Ocean Network Express (ONE), headquartered in Singapore, is one of the world's leading liner shipping companies.

It operates a fleet of over 230 vessels with a capacity exceeding 1.8 million TEUs. Through its extensive global network, ONE provides reliable container shipping services to over 120 countries.

The company was established by integrating the container shipping businesses of Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha ("K"LINE), Mitsui O.S.K. Lines (MOL), and Nippon Yusen

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