

# Climate change opens Northeast Passage

Two German ships are poised to complete the first commercial transit by a western shipping company of the Northeast Passage – a cost-cutting route from Asia to Europe made possible by climate change

## 1 Ulsan South Korea

Ice-hardened ships, **Beluga Fraternity** and **Foresight**, depart late July

## 2 Vladivostok

Ships depart Russian port Aug 21

## 3 Novyy Port

Ships arrive Sep 7 after 17-day voyage escorted by icebreaker

## 4 Murmansk

Ice-free port marks western end of northeast passage

## 5 Rotterdam

Netherlands: Ships due to unload cargo

