

APM Terminals Virginia Container Terminal opens; New technology to benefit safety, security, efficiency

*New 55' deep-water terminal is the largest privately owned container terminal
in the United States, largest investment in Hampton Roads area*

Portsmouth, Virginia (September 7, 2007) — APM Terminals Virginia officially opened its new \$450 million, 291-acre container terminal (on 576 acres of land) today to serve customers in the Hampton Roads region. This world-class maritime center, the third-largest container terminal in the United States, is capable of handling 1 million twenty-foot-equivalent units (TEU) annually and has the potential to expand to handle a capacity of more than 2 million TEU. The terminal will serve as an economic engine for new business in the region.

“This project demonstrates what can be achieved when private and public interests work together to achieve a new standard of excellence,” said Eric Sisco, President, APM Terminals North America. “The result is a win for the city, state, customers, and environment, as well as the Hampton Roads region.”

New technology at the terminal is designed to keep workers and drivers safe, while expediting cargo movement through use of the newest, most advanced handling equipment. The highly efficient, “green design” of the facility incorporates energy-saving and emissions-conscious technology into the equipment and the terminal.

Safety technology

The yard area features weight-sensitive booths and remotely controlled cranes – the first of their kind in the United States. To ensure safety, drivers must exit their cabs and stand inside a booth before yard cranes can load their chassis. Remote control of cranes from an operations control center in the facility’s main building minimizes exposure to potential safety hazards.

Security

As part of an overall focus on security, a new identity-credentialing system limits access to high-risk or sensitive areas, allowing entry only to certified workers.

Efficient cargo movement

Twelve inbound and 12 outbound high-efficiency gates minimize idling time, which reduces truck emissions and speeds cargo movement. Optical scanners and radio frequency identification (RFID) readers prompt more efficient truck entry and exit, directing trucks to the proper loading area, or if needed, a separate area dedicated to

resolving problems. In addition, overhead electronic screens and a new on-line reservation system will optimize the flow of both trucks (turn time) and cargo movement on the terminal.

Emissions reduction and spill prevention

The terminal's all-electric crane inventory includes six super post-Panamax ship-to-shore cranes, 30 semi-automated rail-mounted gantry yard cranes (RMGs), and two rubber tire gantry cranes (RTGs) with electric spreader bars. Twenty shuttle trucks transport cargo from the dock to the stack area. Fewer diesel engines and use of on-road engines in 62 off-road terminal vehicles contribute to significantly reduced levels of particulate matter and nitrous oxide emissions. In addition, electric spreader bars eliminate hydraulic spills.

On-dock rail

On-dock rail will eliminate significant amounts of local truck traffic on local highways and in adjacent neighborhoods. Two RTGs will move containers from the rail cars on six tracks of on-dock rail.

Environmental leadership

On the terminal, APM Terminals Virginia set aside over 150 acres of undeveloped forest and wetlands and, in the process actually recreated 27 acres of wetlands by planting nearly 200,000 wetland type plants. The plants included cordgrass, saltgrass, needle rush, marsh elder and wax myrtle and were planted in four wetland areas around the site. Egrets and blue heron can be seen in these areas today. In the region, APMT donated \$5.3 million dollars to the Elizabeth River Trust to remediate portions of the Elizabeth River and to reseed oyster beds. The terminal also purchased 13.76-acres of wetlands credits from the Great Dismal Swamp Restoration Bank, LLC.

Breakbulk

In addition to container shipping, this facility will handle breakbulk cargo, with a specific set aside area dedicated for these operations.

“The highest standards in safety, security, technology and labor are now available in this facility,” said Sisco. “We are proud of the innovation and the environmental stewardship in this investment for the future of APM Terminals and the Hampton Roads region.”

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APM Terminals, one of the world's largest operators of container terminals, with more than 45 container terminals spanning 28 countries and five continents, is based in the Hague, Netherlands. APM Terminals North America is the U.S. component of APM Terminals and is part of the Maersk Inc. group of companies. Operating a total of 13 terminals on both coasts, APM Terminals is the largest terminal operating company in North America and has over 30 years' experience providing shipping lines with the efficient operation and management of container terminals. These activities include dedicated facility management, stevedoring, and terminal design and development.

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