

## **Joint press release**

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### **APM Terminals Acquires Shares in Dunkirk, France container terminal**

Dunkirk, France - APM Terminals and the Port Authority of Dunkirk (PAD) announced the share transfer of 61% of the shares in Dunkirk container terminal operation Nord France Terminal International O.U. (NFTIou) from PAD to APM Terminals.

PAD will remain a shareholder of NFTIou with 9% of the shares while Interferry-Boats (IFB) a subsidiary of the Belgian Railways is finalizing a deal with Terminal Link, CMA CGM Group.

The new joint venture gives APM Terminals the majority ownership and operational management of the Dunkirk container terminal until the year 2034.

Located in Northern France, the Dunkirk container terminal is well-positioned to serve the French container market with rail, road and waterway connections – and the UK market thanks to the geographical location across the English Channel. The location offers expansion opportunities and close proximity to distribution centers serving the French and Western European market. Container ship lines will find the port strategically-located close to the main shipping lane with 17.5 meters water depth capable of serving the next generation of container ships.

NFTIou is connected to all major trade routes and specializes in the refrigerated cargo business.

Kim Fejfer, CEO of APM Terminals with global headquarters in The Hague, Netherlands, said “Dunkirk offers our customers a competitive edge with its favorable location between Paris, London and Brussels, access to a market of 100 million consumers, excellent port labor and management as well as deepwater draft. We look forward to working together with our valued customers, our partner, CMA CGM terminal link and the Port Authority of Dunkirk to ensure the Dunkirk container terminal meets the requirements of future trade. We believe in Dunkirk and its strategic fit into our global network of more than 40 ports.”

Jean Claude Terrier, Managing Director of the Port of Dunkirk Authority added “It was a long run, but we are more than delighted to become part of the APM Terminals worldwide network. We also warmly welcome Terminal Link, CMA-CGM Group, who is becoming a partner with APM Terminals in NFTIou. We hope to be able to announce in a near future the purchase, by NFTIou, of 2 additional ship to shore gantry cranes to complement our current 4 cranes, providing a capacity for the terminal of over half a million TEUs”.

In 2005, NFTI handled about 205,000 TEU. Major customers include CMA-CGM and Maersk Line.

The financial amount of the transaction was not disclosed.

- **Company Background**

**APM Terminals**

Based in The Hague, Netherlands, APM Terminals is a leading, independent, global container terminal owner and operator of more than 40 terminals that handled more than 24.1 million TEUs in 2005 and serves approximately 60 shipping lines.

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**PAD****Port Authority of Dunkirk (PAD)**

Third port of France, first port in France for ore and coal imports, first french port for containerized fruit imports, second french port for traffic with the United Kingdom. It's annual traffic is around 55 MT.

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