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**King of Morocco Opens APM Terminals Tangier Port**

- **World's largest container ship makes first call for opening ceremonies**

Tangier, Morocco – King Mohammed VI of Morocco officially opened the new container terminal at an event attended by over 500 people including government officials, customers, business leaders and the media.

With a wave of the Moroccan flag, the King proclaimed the terminal open for business and the first container was soon discharged from Maersk Line's 11,000 TEU, EVELYN MAERSK to a chassis waiting below.

APM Terminals Tangier hosted the maiden port call of one of the world's largest vessels to demonstrate the port's modern design and capability to serve the ships of the future.

Etienne Rocher, Managing Director, APM Terminals Tangier commented: "This new facility represents the newest container terminal in the world, designed to professionally serve our customers with the most advanced terminal handling equipment and strategic location on the Straits of Gibraltar".

Photos of the opening ceremony available upon request from [TNGAPMTCOR@apmterminals.com](mailto:TNGAPMTCOR@apmterminals.com)

## **APM Terminals**

APM Terminals, with corporate headquarters in The Hague, Netherlands, is a leading global container terminal owner and operator with operations at more than 45 terminals, serving approximately 60 shipping lines. The facilities generated a throughput of 28.4 million TEU in 2006.  
apmterminals.com

APM Terminals Tangier S.A. was established in March 2005 and partners with the Akwa Group of Morocco to combine global/local expertise for customers. The partnership is a 90%/10% agreement between APM Terminals/Akwa Group.

## **Akwa Group**

Akwa was founded in the end of the 1950's and today has a global turnover of 1.5 billion euros. The company's headquarters is located in Casablanca. Akwa has 2000 employees in the kingdom of Morocco. Akwa Group includes 40 companies grouped in four complementary activities: Fuel and Lubricants, Gas, Fluids and TMT (Technology, Media and Telecommunications). Akwa has a long experience in partnering with huge foreign groups including: Elf Aquitaine, Shell, Telefonica and Northern Telecom.  
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