



# APM TERMINALS



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## **Shanghai Port Group joins APM Terminals in Zeebrugge, Belgium**

- Framework Agreement signed in Brussels Egmont Palace

Brussels, Belgium – APM Terminals International, based in The Hague, Netherlands, and Shanghai International Port Group (SIPG) signed a framework agreement related to the Zeebrugge facility. The agreement represents a share transaction equal to 40%, however further details were not disclosed. The signing ceremony took place in Brussels at the Egmont Palace.

The agreement reflects the Dutch-based container terminal operator's growing partnership with SIPG, considered the largest port operator in China with port interests in Shanghai and container terminals and logistics facilities along the Yangtze River in Nanjing, Wuhan and Chongqing.

During his visit to Brussels, the Vice Premier of China, Mr. Zeng Peiyan, together with Mr. Reynders, Vice Premier of Belgium attended the signing event to emphasize the importance of the new Sino-European port partnership.

APM Terminals Zeebrugge received its first vessel on May 9th, 2006 and is ideally-located to serve the Central Europe markets of Belgium and France with quick access to inland markets. The terminal is a common user facility open to all container shipping lines and offers container lines fast access to the main shipping lanes. The Zeebrugge facility is a state-of-the art terminal ready to expand to meet the market growth.

### **Background on the partnership of APM Terminals and SIPG**

APM Terminals partnership with SIPG dates back to December 2003 when the Joint Venture Contract of Shanghai East Container Terminal (SECT) was signed. The terminal, with a 1250 meter quay, is located in Wai Gao Qiao area along the southern bank of the Yangtze River. SECT throughput reached a record of 1 million TEU during its first year of operation. APM Terminals cooperation with SIPG extended into Yangshan Phase 2 in December 2005 when APM Terminals and SIPG signed a Joint Venture Contract together with three other partners.

## Terminal Fact Sheet

Located at the Albert II Dock South II in Zeebrugge

- Operational since 9th of May 2006
- 36-year concession

### Terminal Area

- Initially 900 meters quay, total concession for 1,300 meters quay
- 48 hectare container yard, total concession for 84.5 hectare yard
- Yearly capacity of 750,000 TEU in 2006 and 2,000,000 TEU when fully developed.

### Port infrastructure

- Depth alongside of 16.0 meters
- Approach canal depth of 15.2 meters at all tides

### Equipment

- 7 Super-Post Panamax gantry cranes, increasing to 11
- Initially 23 straddle-carriers
- 2 rail-mounted gantry cranes for rail operations

### Gate process

- Automated
- Up to 16 gate lanes

### Rail infrastructure

- 3 rail tracks
- Initial length of 780 meters each
- Possible extension up to 6 tracks

## About APM Terminals

APM Terminals, with corporate headquarters in The Hague, Netherlands is a leading, independent, global container terminal owner and operator of more than 40 ports, serving approximately 60 shipping lines.

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## About Shanghai International Port Group

Shanghai International Port Group is China's leading port group. The 2005 total throughput of SIPG was 268 million tons, with container throughput reaching 18.08 million TEU. Shanghai was the third largest container port in the world in 2005.

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