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APM Terminals Wins 2008 Andalusia Flag Award

APM Terminals Algeciras has been recognized by the Junta de Andalucía for its social and economic contributions to Spain's second-largest, and most populous autonomous community.

Algeciras, Spain - The Junta de Andalucía, the government of the Spanish Autonomous Community of Andalucía, has honored APM Terminals with the 2008 Andalucía Flag Award in recognition of its "success in bringing social and economic progress" to the region. Andalucía, in southernmost Spain, is the second-largest of Spain's 17 autonomous communities in terms of area (slightly larger than Austria) and the largest in terms of population, with 8 million.

APM Terminals Algeciras, located in Andalucía's Bay of Algeciras on the Straits of Gibraltar, is the largest container terminal in the Mediterranean Sea. The terminal serves nearly 40 vessels per week, and with a container throughput of 3.5 million TEUs in 2007, saw volume increase by more than 17% during the last three years. Established in 1986, the APM Terminals Algeciras facility has been expanded three times to reach its present capacity, with 300 direct employees, 1,700 stevedores and 10,000 indirect jobs created by terminal activity. The Bay of Algeciras is the most important industrial zone in Andalucía and the second most important nationally for Spain as a center for petrochemical and steel manufacturing with an estimated economic output of 2.018 billion Euros in 2007.

"This is a proud day for APM Terminals and our entire Algeciras team, who are all thrilled to share in this distinction", stated Anders Kjeldsen, APM Terminals' Managing Director for Algeciras. "This award was made possible through the hard work and dedication of our terminal personnel; the cooperation from the Port, the local and regional authorities and institutions, and the confidence shown by our customers," he added, emphasizing that "for the Managing Director, the key point is working closely with cooperation from the unions to focus on safety and competitiveness to maintain our high levels of service and performance".

As per company policy, APM Terminals' involvement in the region goes beyond terminal operations; the company is active in developing projects addressing local educational efforts, anti-drug abuse and environmental issues.

The Junta de Andalucía noted in its award the importance of APM Terminals and its 22 years of continuous growth and engagement in the local community as a social and economic engine of Algeciras Bay, and central to its emergence as the container industry leader of the Mediterranean Sea. Manuel Morón, President of the Bay of Algeciras Port Authority, commented "Algeciras has benefited greatly from the efforts of APM Terminals to create a modern new center of international trade and economic development, and establish an important crossroads of global maritime transportation at the Port of Algeciras".

APM Terminals

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APM Terminals Algeciras

APM Terminals Algeciras was established in Algeciras, Spain in 1986. The facility has a 67 hectare yard and handled 3.5 million TEU in 2007 as the leading port in the Mediterranean Sea and one of the largest APM Terminals facilities in Europe. The terminal is strategically located on the Strait of Gibraltar – a natural connection point for worldwide trade serving east-west and north-south trade lanes.

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