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APM Terminals Wins APL Productivity Award

APM Terminals Zeebrugge has been named by shipping giant APL as their 2007 “North European Productivity Award” winner for Highest Crane Productivity

Zeebrugge, Belgium - APM Terminals Zeebrugge has been cited by New World Alliance member APL as part of its annual program of recognition for excellence in European terminal performance for 2007. The specific category of achievement of the APL North European Productivity Awards was “Highest Crane Productivity” among the shipping giant’s European port calls. APL is a wholly owned subsidiary of Singapore-based Neptune Orient Lines, and a member of the New World Alliance with Mitsui OSK and Hyundai Merchant Marine.

The New World Alliance weekly South China Express (SCX) service began calling the APM Terminals Zeebrugge facility in July of last year, and recently upgraded the vessel string from 7 x 5,300 TEU vessels to 8 x 8,600 TEU vessels, increasing capacity on the service by 60%. The 850,000 TEU capacity APM Terminals Zeebrugge facility, which began operations in May 2006, was specifically designed and built to accommodate the needs and capacities of the larger containerships now entering into service. APM Terminals Zeebrugge provides a draft of 16 meters, 900 meters of quay, and seven super post-Panamax ZPMC gantry cranes capable of working vessels stacked 22 containers across, and is one of the few ports in Europe that is capable of handling the newest class of Ultra Large Container Ships of greater than 10,000 TEU capacity.

Dennis L. Olesen, Managing Director of the APM Terminals Zeebrugge facility commented: "We are tremendously proud of this award from APL, as it is a recognition of the great team effort and hard work that we strive to deliver to every ship and every shipping company that calls our terminal. This award further cements APM Terminals Zeebrugge’s reputation as a fast, reliable and efficient container terminal with the highest standards of productivity - ready to cater to the next generation of vessels".

Container volumes from the Far East to Europe increased by approximately 20% in 2007. When fully developed, Phase 2 of the APM Terminals Zeebrugge facility will feature a 1,300 meters berth and a capacity of 2 million TEUs.

APM Terminals

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APM Terminals Zeebrugge

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 state-of-the art terminal is built to meet the future demands of world trade.

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