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APM Terminals Expands Presence in South America

APM Terminals assumes management and operational control of the container facility at the Port of Pecém in Northeastern Brazil, an emerging hub for reefer exports to the US and Europe

Pecém, Brazil – APM Terminals has assumed operational and management responsibility for Ceará Terminal Operator (CTO) the stevedoring and container terminal operating company at the Port of Pecém, in Northern Brazil. Located 32 miles from Ceará's state capital of Fortaleza, the Port Terminal of Pecém provides two 350 meter berths, and a 16-meter draft. The offshore terminal connects to a storage yard of 380,000 square meters containing two warehouses, three refrigerated chambers, and 624 reefer plugs. The Port of Pecém is the closest Brazilian port to the United States, the Caribbean, and Europe with transit times as short as six days to both the Ports of New York and Algeciras.

CTO was established as a consortium at Pecém five years ago with a view toward the region's vast potential of export reefer containers carrying such cargoes as bananas, melons, pineapples, and mangos. APM Terminals is now the majority shareholder of the enterprise, with Unilink Transportes Integrados, of Brazil, holding the minority stake. The terminal provides stevedoring services to MSC, Maersk Line, Mercosul, CCL and Maruba among other shipping lines and local customers. Overall container throughput for the facility is projected at 100,000 TEU annually.



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