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APM Terminals Productivity Speeds CMA CGM Flagship

With more than 3,300 moves in 24 hours the 14,000 TEU capacity CMA CGM Christophe Colomb achieves Berth Productivity of nearly 140 moves per hour at Zeebrugge for Europe/Far East Service.

Zeebrugge, Belgium – APM Terminals Zeebrugge performed 3,300 container moves on the 14,000 CMA-CGM Flagship Christophe Colomb on October 5-6 for an average berth productivity of 139.8 moves per hour before sending her off for her scheduled Suez Canal entry, and voyage to the Far East on the AE8/FAL5 Service. This was achieved using only four of the terminal's 7 super post-panamax ship-to-shore cranes most of the time which allowed other cranes to be available to service other vessels simultaneously without interruptions. Net crane productivity registered: 37.5 moves per hour (excluding breaks). Total moves while the vessel was worked: 3,379.

“On vessels of this size and complexity, operations planning involves more than the excellent work of the terminal crew; through close cooperation with the lines, we synchronize vessel and terminal operations with the tide, and manage draft requirements through optimized ballasting, while carefully planning vessel-loading to speed lashing” said APM Terminals Zeebrugge Managing Director Paul Jacob Bins.

Officially christened at the Port of Le Havre in July, the CMA CGM Christophe Colomb is the largest vessel in the French-based liner company fleet, which is the world's third-largest in container capacity at over 1.2 million TEUs and 396 vessels.

The Christophe Colomb was handled in just under 24 hours with no Lost-Time Injuries, or unsafe incidents reported during the shifts. As the last port of call before returning to the Far East on its vessel sharing service with Maersk Line, timely departure from Zeebrugge is essential to meet the appointed time slot for transit of the Suez Canal. The Christophe Colomb is one of eight vessels of its class scheduled to join the CMA-CGM fleet. The ships are among the largest afloat with a length of 365.5 meters, and a width of 51.2 meters.

“We are very pleased to provide our customers with outstanding service”, said Bins, adding “Credit is due to all teams involved: CMA-CGM Operations in Antwerp, our terminal technical and planning teams, and our highly skilled dock labor in Zeebrugge”.

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About APM Terminals Zeebrugge

Located directly on the sea coast, APM Terminals Zeebrugge is very close to the main shipping routes in North Western Europe with a natural deep draft can accommodate the latest generation container vessels. Well-established intermodal connections, including rail access to Belgian and other European highway systems serve interior European points, and Zeebrugge's central location also makes it a natural transshipment port for the UK, Ireland, Scandinavia and the Baltic region. APM Terminals Zeebrugge's throughput in 2009 was 663,000 TEUs. The Shanghai International Port Group acquired a 25% share in the facility through an agreement finalized between APM Terminals and SIPG in May 2010.

Terminal Facts:

- APM Terminals Zeebrugge
- Capacity: 1 million TEUs
- Draft alongside: 15.5 meters
- APM Terminals' Share: 75%
- Shanghai International Port Group (SIPG) holds a 25% share

About APM Terminals

– providing the port and inland infrastructure to drive global commerce

Based in The Hague, Netherlands, APM Terminals operates a Global Terminal Network of 50 ports and inland terminals with 22,000 employees in 34 countries that provide the port and inland infrastructure essential to international transportation and global economic growth.

The liner shipping industry, served by APM Terminals and other operators, carries \$4.6 trillion worth of international trade - approximately one third of the total value of global commerce.

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The 14,000 TEU CMA-CGM Christophe Colomb at APM Terminals Zeebrugge on October 5th-6th where 139.8 moves per hour berth productivity were registered.