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## **2/3 of Global Container Throughput Handled in Ports in Emerging Markets**

### **APM Terminals CFO advises need for environment conducive to Infrastructure investment at London Port Finance Conference**

**London, UK** – Participating in the “Port Financing in the Current Climate” at the Second Annual Port Finance International Conference in London, APM Terminals Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Christian Moller Laursen noted the “special opportunities” that exist for terminal operating companies in economically emerging markets, but cautioned the audience on risks also associated with such investments.

“The ports industry is very much an emerging market story. In terms of container throughput, 2/3rds of the global container throughput is handled in ports in emerging markets. Global port and terminal operators have a lot of capabilities to offer in emerging markets, but these markets need to create an environment conducive to infrastructure investment on the part of operators” stated Mr. Laursen.

Areas such as South America, sub-Saharan Africa and the Indian sub-continent have been traditionally underserved by the modern container shipping industry, but are also among the economically emerging parts of the world where both economic and population growth are projected to significantly increase demands on transportation infrastructure, particularly modern port facilities and container handling capability in the decades ahead.

Speaking on the subject of “Investing In and Developing Ports in Developing and Emerging Markets”, Mr. Laursen highlighted the anticipated high growth and utilization rates for ports and terminals in emerging markets than in mature markets. He also cited the higher risk of changes in leadership, national priorities, currency risk and changes in regulations as potential impediments to project development and completion.

“Emerging markets offer good opportunities in the long term with potential for good returns, but they do have higher risk levels. While there is a level of risk in investing in emerging markets they need to be carefully considered and can be mitigated” said Laursen, adding “operators need to work together with authorities and other stakeholders to secure continuous alignment of goals and strategies”.

APM Terminals has been very active in port and terminal development in emerging markets, with these areas representing approximately one third of the company’s annual container

throughput in 2009. New projects are currently under construction at the Port of Santos, Brazil; Monrovia, Liberia; Cai Mep, Vietnam and expansions in Luanda, Angola; Apapa, Nigeria; Port Said, Egypt and Aqaba, Jordan.

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