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APM Terminals Looks to Northern Italy

- **European southern gateway options for efficient international supply chains**

The Hague, Netherlands – APM Terminals is working with Unicredit Group to propose a development framework for a new container terminal at the Port of Monfalcone which could be complementary to the APM Terminals’ state of the art development in Vado, Liguare due to open in 2015. The shipping market has indicated a strong strategic interest in these projects which facilitate efficient coverage of the Central Europe market with their strategic location, efficient, world class environmental design and access to the European inland transport network.

With the development of two new gateway ports in Liguare and the Northern Adriatic, Italian port systems have the potential to be The Southern Gateway to the European container market currently served by significantly longer supply chains via Europe’s North Sea.

The Ligurian and Northern Adriatic port systems can offer the best opportunity to serve a market which ranges from Eastern France to Southern Germany, Switzerland, Central-Eastern Europe through newly developed gateway ports in Vado and Monfalcone. The development of these new European Southern Gateways could provide a faster, greener and more cost effective alternative to conventional Northern Europe – Asian trade routes.

The Port of Monfalcone has strong competitive advantages based on its favorable geographical location at the northernmost port of the Adriatic, the closest port to key markets in Central Europe. Strategic access to the European international rail network’s Baltic – Adriatic corridor provide excellent inland connectivity to key destinations allowing considerable savings in CO2 omissions for global supply chains.

Based in The Hague, Netherlands, APM Terminals operates an integrated Global Port, Terminal and Inland Services Network of 50 ports and terminals, and 122 inland facilities served by 22,000 employees in 64 countries on five continents, with new terminal development or expansion projects underway.

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