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## **APM Terminals' Cai Mep facility welcomes Maersk Line's Transpacific String**

- **Vietnam/USA direct Service benefits shippers**
- **Port's location, market access, deepwater draft drives business decision**
- **Inaugural call by 9038 TEU Grete Maersk**

**Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam** – At 115,700 DWT and with a capacity of 9038 TEU, Grete Maersk was the first Maersk Line vessel to call the newly opened Cai Mep International Terminal (CMIT) on its route from Asia to North America. With this first direct "Transpacific 6" (TP6) vessel calling CMIT on August 16<sup>th</sup> 2011, Maersk Line officially became a business partner of its sister company, APM Terminals, one of the three main investors in CMIT. This move tightens the relationship between the carrier and port operator and benefits their import-export customers.

CMIT offers Maersk Line a 14 meter channel depth with 16.5m depth alongside, state-of-the-art shipside and shoreside handling facilities and over 36 hectares of container yard.

Peter Smidt-Nielsen, General Director, Maersk Line Vietnam said: "We are excited to start calling at CMIT with our Direct Trans Pacific service and look forward to further enhancing the service to our customers. We are very proud to have 100 percent On-Time schedule reliability between Vietnam and the US West Coast in quarter 2 as the only line, and we look forward to continue delivering that important service to our customers."

As business partners, Maersk Line and CMIT aim to provide their customers a better service to North American destinations, on-time vessel reliability and higher capacity to cover increased demand for imported cargo to Vietnam.

"We are delighted to welcome Grete Maersk to CMIT", said Michael Them Rasmussen, General Director of CMIT. "With state-of-the-art equipment, highly trained and dedicated people and already high berth productivity, we are sure we can deliver on Maersk Line's high expectations of us. We are looking forward to a successful partnership with Maersk Line over the coming years" he added.

## **About CMIT**

Cai Mep International Terminal Co., Ltd. (CMIT) was established on January 26, 2007 as a joint venture between the Vietnam-based Saigon Port, Vietnam National Shipping Lines and APM Terminals BV. CMIT is located strategically in Ba Ria – Vung Tau province. This modern and efficient container terminal facility offers shipping lines and their clients fast and direct access to and from the main shipping markets in Asia, Europe and the Americas. It is CMIT's policy to conduct its activities in a manner that protects the health and safety of its employees and communities. [www.cmit.com.vn](http://www.cmit.com.vn)

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## **About Maersk Line**

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Advanced e-commerce solutions assure customers of round-the-clock access to accurate, online information on the position of any given container, anywhere in the world.

Maersk Line serves customers through a network of its own offices and third party agents, in more than 125 countries, ensuring consistent, high quality service worldwide. It has about 20,000 employees in 130 countries worldwide. [www.maerskline.com](http://www.maerskline.com)

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APM Terminals is taking a leading role in addressing the critical issues facing the transportation industry. With our customers and business partners, the company has designed the world's most comprehensive port and inland network to meet the shipping community's needs today, tomorrow and in the future. With more than 60 ports and 132 inland facilities in 63 countries – the goal is to offer the market more solutions than ever before to help companies and countries achieve their ambitions. Media can download high resolution photos and more information at [www.apmterminals.com](http://www.apmterminals.com)

#### **2011 Port projects underway:**

##### **Asia**

Cai Mep, Vietnam

New terminal; opened March 2011

Qingdao, China

Expansion of terminal

##### **Africa**

Apapa, Nigeria

Expansion of terminal

Pointe-Noire, Republic of the Congo

New terminal being built

Port Said East Phase II, Egypt

Expansion of terminal

Luanda, Angola

Expansion of terminal

Monrovia, Liberia

New project; implemented March 2011

##### **Europe**

Rotterdam, Netherlands

New terminal being built

Vado, Italy

New terminal being built

Wilhelmshaven, Germany

New terminal being built

##### **Middle East**

Aqaba, Jordan

Expansion of terminal

##### **Latin America**

Santos, Brazil

New terminal being built

Moin, Costa Rica

New terminal being built

Callao, Peru

New terminal project, including expansion

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