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APM Terminals Rotterdam Welcomes New CMA CGM Flagship on Maiden Voyage to Europe

The 13,300 TEU capacity Cristophe Colomb, delivered on November 10th and on its first inbound trip from Shanghai, joins a weekly Far East/Europe String

Rotterdam, The Netherlands – CMA CGM held a ceremony on board CMA CGM’s new 365 meter-long, 52.1 meter (20 containers) wide fleet flagship, the Cristophe Colomb on Friday the 11th to welcome the giant technologically advanced vessel to the Port of Rotterdam on its maiden voyage from Asia. The Christophe Colomb, drawing 15.2 meters, joins the weekly 10-vessel AE7 service string, calling APM Terminals Rotterdam, operated in partnership with Maersk Line between China and Europe.

“We are very proud to welcome this excellent example of maritime technology and efficiency to the Port of Rotterdam and to the APM Terminals Global Terminal Network” said terminal Managing Director Hans van Kerkhof, who presented the Captain with a plaque commemorating the event.

French-based CMA CGM is the world’s third-largest containershipping line with a fleet of 352 vessels representing an overall capacity of over 1 million TEUs. Delivered on November 10th from the Daewoo Shipbuilding and Marine Engineering Company of South Korea, the Christophe Colomb and its planned sister vessels have been designed for maximum fuel efficiency with electronically controlled engines- and can be recognized by the superstructure location in the front of the vessel, to maximize load capacity.

With an annual throughput of 2.6 million TEUs, APM Terminals Rotterdam is one of the largest container terminals in Europe and in the APM Terminals Global Terminal Network. APM Terminals Rotterdam recently went “green” with electricity for gantry crane and other operations now generated by clean-energy wind power. CMA CGM moves approximately 60,000 TEUs through APM Terminals Rotterdam yearly.

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High res photos of vessel in port available from Thomas.H.Boyd@apmterminals.com

About APM Terminals

APM Terminals operates a Global Terminal Network of 49 ports strategically located in 32 countries that provides the port infrastructure essential to international transportation and the global economy.

The company works closely with the trade community to reduce costs, deliver operational excellence and improve market access worldwide. APM Terminals works closely with governments too. Every nation of the world wants access to a competitive port system to ensure their national and regional market competitiveness.

For logistics professionals, the Global Terminal Network plays an important role in supply chain management with location, capacity, flexibility and efficiency clearly linked to supply chain success (port centric logistics).

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About APM Terminals Rotterdam

Established in 2000, APM Terminals Rotterdam has grown to be one of the largest container terminals in Europe with a throughput of 2.6 million TEU in 2008, serving the markets of The Netherlands, and the European hinterland as well as the British, Irish, Scandinavian and Baltic markets. The terminal employs over 700 professionals and has an economic impact of EUR 150 (turnover) million to the city of Rotterdam.

Terminal Specifications

Terminal Size: 100 Hectares
Capacity: 2.7 Million TEU capacity
Berth length: 1,600 meter Quay
Water depth: 16 meters alongside
Ship to shore cranes: 14 Post panamax (23 containers across reach)
Barge crane: 1
Straddle carriers: 81
Empty handlers: 3
Boom lifts: 3
Truck heads: 2
Scissor lift: 1

Vehicle fleet: 28
Refrigerated plugs: 2250
Hours of operations: 24/7

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