

Press Release:

The mediation process in the dispute between APM Terminals and the Swedish Dockworkers' Union is continuing

Positive dialogue, but no definite progress yet

The discussions are being conducted in a positive and constructive spirit, but it is clear that the parties' positions remain some distance apart. That is how Sophia Tuveson, Head of HR & Labour Relations at APM Terminals, summarises the mediation discussions currently being held between Hamnarbetarförbundet [the Swedish Dockworkers' Union] and Sveriges Hamnar [Ports of Sweden].

Since the local negotiations between Hamn4an, section 4 [the Port of Gothenburg branch of the Swedish Dockworkers' Union] and APM Terminals had not made much progress after several weeks, it was decided to move the process to the next stage this week, with the parties meeting for central mediation discussions.

"I believe that both sides can see advantages in holding discussions at central level. The mediation process itself encourages a greater willingness to compromise, so I am cautiously optimistic," says Sophia Tuveson.

APM Terminals comes to the mediation process, which is being held at Svenskt Näringslivs (Confederation of Swedish Enterprise) premises in Gothenburg, with the paramount requirement that any agreement reached must guarantee that the company will be able to provide its customers with a full level of service also during the summer.

"It is really quite simple – if the Union cannot accept this objective, there is no point in continuing with the discussions."

APM Terminals prefers not to speculate on when or whether the mediation will achieve concrete results. There is no deadline on the discussions, and APM Terminals is now working intensively to mitigate the impact on its customers of the strike action notified for Tuesday of next week.

"Even though the discussions are being held in a constructive spirit, it is essential that we keep working on our contingency plans in case the strike does take place."

For more information, please contact:

Henrik Kristensen, CEO APM Terminals
Tel: +46 (0)10- 122 27 66
Henrik.kristensen@apmterminals.com

Katrin Lemming, Kommunikationsansvarig
Tel: +46 (0)10-122 25 12
katrin.lemming@apmterminals.com

About APM Terminals Gothenburg AB

APM Terminals Gothenburg is the largest container terminal in the Nordic region. Over 50 per cent of all container freight to and from Sweden passes through the port. The terminal handles at least 20 arrivals each week. These include direct calls, ocean-going vessels that come directly from other continents and feeder vessels from other ports in northern Europe. APM Terminals Gothenburg is the only terminal in Sweden with the capacity to receive and handle the largest ocean-going vessels. Around half of all the container traffic to and from the port of Gothenburg is transported by rail, which has major benefits for the environment. APM Terminals, with its headquarter in The Hague, employs 20,600 people in 69 countries and has a turnover of USD 4.24 billion (2015).
www.apmterminals.com