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The world's biggest ship has arrived to APM Terminals Gothenburg

Late yesterday night the world's largest container vessel appeared out of the dark from the open sea outside Gothenburg and navigated towards the container terminal. An hour later the 396 meter long giant ship berthed at the container quay belonging to APM Terminals.

- **This is a bit of a test for us. We are the only terminal in Sweden that has the potential to managing a vessel of this scale and capacity. Also, the terminal has recently been upgraded so we are now welcoming MSC Maya to an almost brand new terminal, says Patrik Thulin, CCO at APM Terminals**

MSC Maya is going to stay at the container quay for 36 hours. A total of 50 dockers will be prepared to work shifts to unload, and reload the containers. Five cranes and about thirty straddle carrier trucks will be used to unload the goods and then transport it further from the terminal, as fast and efficiently as possible.

The logistics for the arrival of MSC Maya has been planned to the very last detail. The planning has been going on since early December, though leaving some details for last twenty-four hours. Now it comes down to the steadily work of the cranes and straddle trucks so that the work gets done within the thirty-five hours time frame that has been given.

- Every container needs to be lifted in two minutes for us to follow the schedule. We do have five cranes spare if required, says Patrik Thulin.

MSC Maya holds more than 19 000 containers and measures to a draught of 16 meters when fully loaded. However, that will not be the case this time.

During 2016, MSC Maya will allow transportation between Gothenburg and the Far East for several giant-ships with a loading capacity of 19 224 containers. Already in January we will see MSC Zoe, one of the sister ships of MSC Maya.

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About APM Terminals Gothenburg AB

APM Terminals Gothenburg is the largest container terminal in the Nordic region. Shipping just over 50 per cent of all containers carried to and from Sweden, the terminal handles around 20 calls per week, including direct calls, ocean-going vessels travelling directly from other parts of the world and feeder vessels from other northern European ports. APM Terminals Gothenburg is the only terminal in Sweden with the capacity to handle and accommodate the largest ocean-going vessels. Around half of all the containers carried to and from the terminal are transported by railway, leading to considerable environmental benefits. Headquartered in The Hague, APM Terminals employs 20,300 people across 66 countries, turning over USD 4.45 billion in 2014. www.apmterminals.com