

Strike continues – parties did not reach an agreement

On Thursday the strike continues at APM Terminals Gothenburg. APM Terminals and the dockworkers union met several times during Wednesday, unfortunately without reaching a solution. Even if the negotiating team had reached an agreement, dock workers union did not have mandate to call off the strike, it requires the union's members to vote, which is a technicality that complicates the negotiation.

Tuesday's strike affected today's operation in the port, with long queues of trucks on public access roads, which impacted the traffic flow around the port of Gothenburg. Transport companies unable to deliver or pick up cargo Tuesday, were highly affected by the pressure at access roads and APM Terminals gate area. Extra security was called to help ensure safe and secure passage. It's estimated that 700 trucks were queuing up during the day.

The situation was also adversely affected by an unusually high absenteeism among machine operators at APM Terminals.

- It is unfortunate and we regret that Gothenburg businesses and population is affected by the conflict in this way. Regrettably, it illustrates how unbalanced the conflict weapon is, in this case. APM Terminals has previously confirmed respect for union views on, salaries, safety and execution of daily work, but initiating a strike based on trade union involvement beyond what is stated by law, is not acceptable, says Henrik Kristensen, CEO of APM Terminals Gothenburg .

Since Wednesday's negotiations were unsuccessful, the strike will continue tomorrow Thursday. Even if the dockworkers union, group 4, came back with clear mandate to complete the negotiation, APM Terminals does not identify clear openings or ways to reach agreement, on the present demands presented.

Naturally, this is very difficult. Especially for our customers, the major export companies that experience difficulties to deliver their products on time overseas. We appreciate the support they have voiced to us, says Henrik Kristensen

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).
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