



VCT With Its Growth Prospects

The much-awaited moment has arrived with a greater delight at Visakha Container Terminal, the expansion of the terminal coupled with berth extension. The global pandemic has slightly delayed the project, however, when there is commitment and dedication in the team, nothing can stall except for success. The day has come when all the hard efforts were heard loud. While existing terminal of VCT (T1) has the capacity of 0.6 million TEUs, the new terminal (T2) has been built which has a capacity of 0.75 million TEUs, thus making the overall terminal annual handling capacity to 1.35 million TEUs.

The berth extension with additional 395 m quay length will have the total quay length of the terminal to 845 mts. The newly constructed terminal (T2) is equipped with 3 Super Post Panamax Rail Mounted Quay Cranes for handling vessel side operations with an outreach to handle 22 containers across vessel and 9 electrically operated Rubber Tyred Gantry Cranes (e-RTGCs) for yard operations. T2 has 300 reefer plug points in addition to 350 plug points at T1 making them to the total of 650 reefer plug points.



The additional quay length will not only create room for additional window berth at VCT where new services are poised to make their way into the terminal and would also enable the possibility of berth on arrival.

With the 845 m quay length being ready for operations, vessel on arrival possibilities is quite high thus minimizing the wait time to berth. Moreover, the additional equipment will be the key for quicker evacuation of containers complemented with efficiency of the cranes enabling faster turnaround time of vessels that would further give room for new services to call VCT. The additional yard capacity would allow more room to stack the containers.

The new terminal has started handling vessels. The maiden vessel m.v. TRF Kaya of MDM Service operated by Bengal Tiger Line (BTL) was berthed at T2 on the 15th March 2022.

VCT Bags Two Awards From CII – Industrial Safety Excellence Awards 2021

To recognize the safety performance of industrial establishments and to stimulate the interest of both the management and the workers in accident prevention and safety promotion programmes. Confederation of Indian Industry instituted a State level Industrial Safety Excellence Awards- CII Andhra Pradesh Industrial Safety Excellence Awards 2021.

The awards evaluated the robustness safety systems, following a transparent and rigorous assessment process which included three levels of scrutiny and verification namely, evaluation of questionnaires, legal compliances, application of safety measurement tools; processes and finally, verification. The results of each assessment were reviewed by a pre-eminent Jury, industry experts, and academia at two stages before arriving at the final decision.



VCT won two awards namely - Safety Innovation Award, Industrial Best Practices at the valedictory function of CII Andhra Pradesh Annual Meeting held on 3rd March'22.

The safety innovation award was for the leaky container which was manufactured from a scrapped flat track container by the Engineering team used at Container Freight Station. The Best Safety Performer Award was for scoring higher than the prescribed percentage in the qualification rounds that included a thorough site audit and document verification by the industrial safety expert.

The awards were presented in the presence of several senior industrial dignitaries. VCTPL was the only industry which bagged awards under two categories. The awards provide a benchmark for the industry as the best practices awardees are shared with the other applicants and with the wider industry. The awards would also motivate and act as a catalyst to encourage the industry to adopt robust safety systems in the state of Andhra Pradesh. The awards have been also instituted to acknowledge the sustained contributions and innovation by organizations towards safety.

History Re-Written: Highest Rail Traffic Handled @ VCT

With world class infrastructure and strong determination to provide the best services to the shipping fraternity, Visakha Container Terminal once again achieved another milestone. VCT has clocked the highest Rail volumes ever in the month of March '22 along with highest number of rakes -97 rakes moving 13380 TEUs surpassing 10762 TEUs handled in July'21.

At Visakha Container Terminal, the rail traffic is served to / from ICD Jajpur, Jharsuguda, Sambalpur, Korba, ICD Durgapur, Nepal etc. J M Baxi in collaboration with Pristine Logistics, sent a maiden container rake on 26 November 2021 from VCT to Birgunj ICD in Nepal. Maiden container rake to ICD Durgapur was flagged off from VCT on 20th day of February 2022. JM Baxi group has deployed 5 rakes for Jindal Stainless Limited (ICD Jajpur).



Yet another feather been added to the terminal's cap which is the maiden container rake to ICD Durgapur that was flagged off from VCT on 20.02.2022 in the presence of CONCOR, Wan Hai and VCT team. The rake operated by CONCOR carried 90 TEUs of Wan Hai which are destined to the customers near Kolkata region. Likewise, many more containers are expected to arrive that would be connected into ICD Durgapur with the support of CONCOR rakes making the new product a great success.

JM Baxi Group is always ready to tap the available opportunities with the seamless rail connectivity presence to cater to the customers' requirement. Eventually, JMB group has plans in pipeline and connect to the untapped ICDs. We would take this opportunity and thank the Wan Hai and CONCOR teams for being part of this new initiative.

As the rail traffic from VCT is on rise continuously and consistently with more regions to tap many more such rail bound movements are expected to move via VCT meeting the requirements of the trade.

ICD Birgunj – Nepal: A Success Story Of VCTPL

Nepal bound container traffic is consistently reviving post-pandemic. Vizag has become the obvious choice for the trade because of the container terminal on the east coast of India with world-class infrastructure and a proven track record for efficiency. India is one of Nepal's largest trading partners, and Visakhapatnam handles about 60% of Nepal-bound rail traffic. Trade between the two countries via VCT has been increasing since 2017.

Now all authorised private container train operators (CTOs) in India and Nepal could utilise the Indian railway network to carry freight containers with imports to or exports from Nepal. This move by both governments has opened doors for the CTOs to participate in the Nepal rail traffic and will benefit merchants by reducing transportation costs. As a result, J M Baxi in collaboration with Pristine Logistics, had the maiden container rake movement on 26 November 2021 from VCT to Birgunj ICD in Nepal. This initiative has opened new avenues for the bilateral trade and transit sector.



Currently an average of 25 rakes per month to Birgunj are being handled at the terminal while going forward it is planned to have 30 rakes per month from April '22 onwards. Erstwhile the pendency of Nepal bound containers have increased due to various reasons, where with the deployment of additional rakes in the circuit by both Pristine Logistics and JM Baxi Group at the right time has ensured that the pendency of containers has been brought down faster than the estimated time. With the kind of efficiency, the CTOs and the terminal has showcased, within no time more volumes are estimated to flow through the terminal into Nepal.

VPT To Develop Free Trade Warehousing Zone

Despite the tough times caused by the pandemic COVID-19, Visakhapatnam Port Authority did not lose its mettle and continued to perform ensuring to meet the customers' requirement. Visakhapatnam Port Authority (VPA) is all set to develop free trade warehousing zone. This area will be in 300 acres land near Lankelapalem hill. The area was levelled after carrying quarrying activities which will be used for free trade warehousing zone.

This FTWZ will be having facilities like cold storage and food processing units. The hilly area will be quarried, and the low-lying area of the port Exim Park will be readied for the project. VPT is coming up with the cruise terminal will be ready by March '23 with all the required infrastructure. The berth of cruise terminal will be 330 metre long and 15 metre wide wherein Panamax vessels can easily be parked which can accommodate 2000 to 2500 passengers. The cruise liners who are now catering from different countries are using Chennai and Goa will now have accessibility to Visakhapatnam once the terminal is ready.



The demand of commodities like Rice, Coir Fibre, Ores, Chillies, shrimps etc. for exports through Visakhapatnam is on a rise. To store the large quantities of both essential & nonessential commodities the requirement would be warehousing facilities complemented with better logistics service. As second terminal of Visakha

Container Terminal is ready for operation, there are plans to convert the existing two-lane road into a four-lane road from east breakwater to Convent Junction to have hassle free movement of container trailers.

Visitors @ VCTPL



Col. Vinay Kumar – Brigadier, along with his family.
Visited on 14.03.22



(Centre) Mr. Riaz Ahmed, Mr. Ravi K Balasubramanian, Mr. Nalajala Naresh, from Granules India Ltd. along with Mr. Venkata Krishna Ram & Mr. Vanne Sai Bhaskar from Harika Shipping & Logistics. Visited on 17.03.22



Mr. P V Suresh, South India Head - Time Global Shipping Visited on 19.03.22



Ms. Padma, Owner - Padma Source EXIM Visited on 19.03.22



(Right) Mr. Rajiv Ranjan Kumar, CEO & Mr. Shouvik Mandal, Asst. Director - Finance from Apeejay Infralogistics Visited on 18.03.22



(From right) Ms. Inderpal Kaur & Mr. Arunbabu from Hindalco & Mr. Shiva Kumar from Western Carriers Visited on 22.03.22



(From right) Mr. GVSN Raju, Mr. Mudit Gupta, Mr. Pradeep Kumar from TATA Steel along with Mr. K Naveen Sravan Shipping Visited on 31.03.22