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'VCT has natural Depth of 16.5 m alongside - The deepest amongst Indian Container Terminals'

ICD Jharsuguda connecting VCT

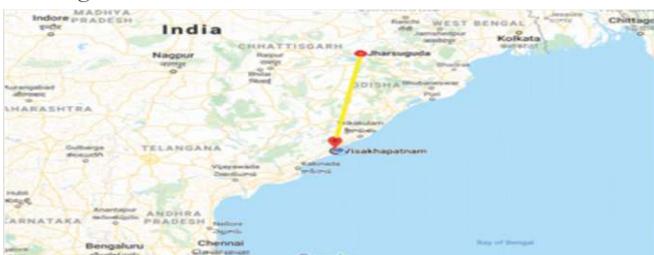


Rake to ICD Jharsuguda

Visakha Container Terminal (VCT) has been witnessing increased rake movement between various locations in the hinterland and to Nepal. Handling of these rakes has been done efficiently with an average time of 3.5 to 4 hours. VCT now handles about 45 rakes a month hassle free, meeting the requirements of the trade. Thanks to the trade for giving VCT a great opportunity to serve the vast hinterland bestowed with.

Recently Maersk line has opened the direct connectivity to ICD Jharsuguda from VCT by both Rail and Road. Strategically located in Odisha's prime industrial belt, the ICD Jharsuguda can deliver import containers to the customers in a matter of hours, providing empty containers for exports helping them reduce transportation costs by almost 15-20 percent. ICD Jharsuguda will further help slash the transit time of shipments from 10 days to 5 days, thus helping customers address their logistical challenges across the supply chain by connecting the Main line vessels calling directly at VCT

Logistically Jharsuguda is closer to Visakhapatnam and VCT handled the first rake to ICD Jharsuguda on the 27th day of July 2019 with 90 units of Maersk Line. In the corresponding months of August & September 4 rakes were handled and more to follow in subsequent months. With growing two-way traffic from / to Odisha primarily from Jharsuguda more rakes will be followed that would be handled at the terminal. VCT has two full length rail sidings that can handle the incremental rake traffic with the world class infrastructure in place. With a plan to run a weekly export train providing doorstep pickup and delivery, the projections of handling in excess of 4,000 TEUs on an annual basis is in radar.



Development: Rail Yard Inside Terminal



VCT- Rail yard being developed

While the expansion plan at the terminal is going at a rapid pace, to complement the continuous growth of the container movement through Visakha Container Terminal, development and improvisation on the land side is taking place as well. VCT has two full length on dock rail sidings that has been pivotal in the movement of rail from various regions of its unique hinterland. VCT has witnessed surge in the rail movement especially from the past few months which has crossed over 30 rakes and reached as high as 45 rakes per month to destinations like ICD Jharsuguda, ICD Birgunj, ICD Raipur and to the plants located at Kalinganagar, Jharsuguda etc. Not to forget that the connectivity with ICD Nagpur, Hyderabad & Delhi is also expected to start soon.

Considering this ever-increasing rail bound movement through VCT at the city of destiny, the terminal has developed the second rail siding into a fully paved yard for handling containers. This will now allow simultaneous handling of rakes in both the sidings and enable faster turn-around of the rakes at VCT. The average rail operations at the terminal is about 3.5 hours. Not to forget that the terminal has handled rakes with engine on load that makes the rake turn around time faster.

Terminal does not prefer to leave a single stone unturned to provide its customers a world class infrastructure with hassle free operations and best customer satisfaction.



VISITORS AT VISAKHA CONTAINER TERMINAL



(Right) Mr. Reji Mammen, AGM & Mr. Som Subhra Ganguly, Sr. Executive from Trans Asia Shipping Services Pvt. Ltd., Visited on 03.10.2019



(2nd from Left) Dr. Bikash Kumar Nayak, Plant Head, (2nd from Right) Mr. Vijaya Bhaskar, Sr. Manager, (Right) Mr. P. Rajasekhar, Manager from Aurobindo Pharma Ltd., along with their CHA Visited on 05.10.2019



(Middle) Mr. Seasholtz James E, Supply Chain Plan Director – USA, (Right) Mr. P Rambabu, Manager, (2nd Left) Mr. Anbu Kumar, Manager, (Left) Mr. Apparao, Manager, (2nd from Right) Ms. Bhawna Singh, Sr. Executive from Pfizer Healthcare India Pvt. Ltd., Visited on 07.10.2019



(Right) Mr. Ln. S. Rajesh Manoharan, Director, (Left) Mr. A. Bhaskar, Manager from Sakthi Logistics & (Middle) Mr. Mahendradhara Rao, CEO from JMR Logistics Visited on 11.10.2019



(2nd from Right) Mr. Kensuke- Krosaki Harima, Manager - Japan, (2nd from Left) Mr. Parthasarathi Basu, Manager, (Left) Mr. Rajesh Kumar Mohapatra, Officer, (Right) Mr. Naresh, Asst. Manager from TRL Krosaki Refractories Ltd., Visited on 19.10.2019



(Left) Mr. Hiroyasu Ichikawa, Director & Mr. Pankaj Pawar, Executive from JFE Shoji Trade India Pvt. Ltd., Visited on 23.10.2019



(Right) Mr. Shantanu Singha Deb, DGM & Ms. Shrabani Mukherjee, Manager from DB Schenker Visited on 24.10.2019



(Left) Mr. Mohd. Athar Shams, AVP, (Right) Mr. Ritesh Kumar Sinha, AVP from Indomatrix Logistics Pvt. Ltd., (Middle) Mr. Arun Kumar Nayak, GM from Ultra Commercial & Co. Visited on 30.10.2019



(Left) Capt. Rahul Puri, General Manager & (Right) Mr. Viswanath, Manager from TS Lines India pvt. Ltd., Visited on 03.10.2019



(Left) Capt. Xavio, Head - Operations from Interasia Shipping India Pvt. Ltd., (Middle) Mr. Jasbir Singh, Vice-President - Operations, (Right) Mr. Rajendra, Sr. Executive from Omega Shipping India Pvt. Ltd., Visited on 14.10.2019



(Right) Mr. Jose Thomas, MD from Choice Intermodal Services & Mr. Jitin Joshi (Head Trade Management (India / Pakistan / Sri Lanka / Maldives / Nepal) from Hyundai Merchant Marine India Pvt. Ltd., Visited on 15.10.2019



(Left) Mr. Natarajan, Principal Account Manager & Mr. Nagarjuna.V, Principal Account Manager from Maersk Line India Pvt. Ltd., Visited on 17.10.2019



(3rd from Left) Ms. Flavia Liao, Dy. Manager - Asia Operations Dept, (2nd Left) Mr. Peter Wu, Special Asst. to MD, (Right) Mr. Kaushik Ghosh, Manager from Yang Ming Line India Pvt. Ltd., (Middle) Capt. Arun Pillai, Vice-President, (3rd from Right) Mr. B.N. Chatterjee, Sr. General Manager, (2nd from Right) Mr. P S Arjun, Branch Manager, (Left) Mr. Ajay Kumar, Manager from Marine Container Services India Pvt. Ltd., Visited on 24.10.2019



(Left) Mr. Roger Yu, Operations Owners Rep. (Right) Mr. Steven Chou, Operations Owners Rep. from Wan Hai Lines India Pvt. Ltd., Visited on 30.10.2019

VPT's 86th Foundation Day Celebration

Visakhapatnam Port Trust (VPT), is one of the leading major ports in India and is located strategically on the center of the East Coast of India. One of the oldest ports in the country, VPT has the capacity to handle more than 125 million tons per annum. Variety of cargoes are handled at VPT that plays a catalytic role in the economic growth. Efficient and effective cargo handling is the key function of the port for faster cargo evacuation creating room for more business be it bulk (Dry / Chemicals etc.) or containers. The port has facilitated establishment of port based industrial units like the HPCL, NMDC, MMT, ESSAR, IOC, BPCL, Coromandel International Ltd, Hindustan Zinc Ltd, Bharat Heavy Plate and Vessels Ltd., RINL, Rain CII Ltd., etc.

Visakhapatnam Port Trust celebrated its 86th foundation day on the 07th day of October 2019. In this context the port was opened to public to visit and witness the action that happen at various areas of the entire port on the 06th & 07th days of October 2019. Buses were arranged by VPT to facilitate the visitors for a tour of the port. The journey began from the slipway jetty of fishing harbour, entered the container terminal "Visakha Container Terminal" (VCT), "Iron Ore Berths" in the outer harbour, "Mahatma Gandhi Docks" in the inner harbour. Post tour of the port, the "Light House" that was restored and renovated by VCT was visited by the public and finally back to origin, thus the journey ended there. This event was initiated on the 85th Foundation Day in the year 2018 last year by Visakhapatnam Port Trust, which was highly appreciated by the general public especially by the students.

Visitors were allowed to see the loading / unloading operations inside the Port from the buses that were arranged by VPT to carry general public. VCT being the first mile of the journey, dedicated staff were appointed to ensure that the tour at the terminal was smooth and hassle free. Public were enthusiastic while witnessing the operations carried out at the terminal and asked many questions to understand the process better. On the first day of the event about 4000 people visited and keeping the crowd movement into consideration, VPT went a step further by arranging additional buses for the next event in anticipation of more. As expected, about 5000 people turned up on the 2nd day's event that went smoother. Overall about 9000 people visited the port in the 2 days visit.

Officials from various departments along with VCT's security staff were deployed to escort the visitors for Terminal round and to make them understand the operations and activities inside the Container Terminal. The environment at the port on the two days was filled with inquisitiveness by the public to witness and understand, how a port operates?



Port Officials on Foundation Day

Date Extended for Installation of Radiation Monitors / container Scanners

In our May 2019 Vaartha issue we mentioned that the Scanner Installation might be done by June end as per the information received from Visakhapatnam Port Trust (VPT). New development is that Government has again extended the deadline for 14 seaports along with Visakhapatnam to install radiation monitors and container scanners.

“The period of installation and operationalization of radiation portal monitors and container scanner in the designated ports is extended up to December 31, 2019,” the DGFT said. Chennai, Cochin, Ennore, JNPT, Kandla, Mormugao, Mumbai, New Mangalore, Paradip, Tuticorin, Visakhapatnam, Pipava, Mundra and Kolkata are the 14 ports for which the deadline has been extended. It is mandatory for the import of unshredded metallic scrap with effect from 01 January 2020. The scanners are equipped with ‘U’ shaped arm and high-resolution cameras which will detect all radioactive materials, sources and contamination. As VCT & VPT always adhere to the changing norms and necessity of the trade & environment, will have its container scanner installed by the end of this year.



Container Scanner

Need of the hour: Cold Chain Facilities for Seafood Industry

The Port City, Visakhapatnam is the hub of seafood exports, has been witnessing a Year on Year growth of 20% and is continuing the trend. Despite great growth, many stakeholders feel that there is huge room for cold chain facilities specially for seafood industry that would boost the revenue and exports opportunities even further.

Estimates state that the marine product exports through Visakhapatnam earns over INR 8,000 crore through exports where 70% of contribution is from Shrimps and the balance is through chemicals, pharma, bovine meat, chocolates, vegetables and fruits. About 3/4th of exports from the country is done from Andhra Pradesh and Vannameti is the prime commodity that has high yield, long life and good demand in overseas, moreover much affordable as well.



The Principal Scientist of ICAR – Central Institute of Fisheries Technology, Mr. Madhusudhana Rao, mentioned that there is a need of fish value chain infrastructure from harvest to consumption point. He further added that the traditional fishing boats should also be equipped with ice store facility at 4 degrees Celsius temperature maintenance. Similarly, the cold storage should be able to maintain the temperatures at -18 to -20 degrees Celsius temperature. Such facilities are already there in certain cold storages, however the requirement is furthermore with the ongoing demand of the product. Upon setting up efficient facilities, the requirements of the domestic and international can be met hassle free.

US is the major importer of marine products with 60% share followed by the European countries, Mediterranean region etc., that goes out through Visakha Container Terminal (VCT). With the increasing demand of Shrimps most of the exporters are in the race to increase their volumes at a greater pace. In this case adequate cold storage facilities should be there to support the growing exports. VCT has already become hub for exports of marine products with 366 plug points to facilitate the increasing demand and is also gearing itself up to handle additional cargo as well.

VCT – Plastic Free Zone

Plastic has become a threat to life, environment and mother earth that generates huge pollution to the ground, water and air as well. Awareness slogans, sessions, new measures and other initiatives are being taken by many individuals to reduce the usage of plastic. VCT has always been in the forefront setting an example by following eco-friendly methods which is safe for the environment. In this context, yet another initiative towards a better environment was taken by VCT, apart from the Go Green plantation, eco-friendly vehicles, etc., to make the terminal a “Plastic Free Zone”.

The first call was taken to eliminate single use plastic bags, that were replaced with cloth bags. Later, the plastic water bottles with steel bottles. The management has set an example by providing steel bottles that are eco-friendly for the staff and eliminated the plastic bottles usage. In certain areas of the terminal, the glass bottles and utensils have been placed too. Apart from the aforementioned, awareness sessions and tips on plastic free lifestyle were shared with the VCT staff. VCTians have taken an oath to take more such initiatives to make the terminal, home and respective areas plastic free as much as possible for a bright environment friendly future.



Initiative from VCT

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