



Krishnapatnam Port Inaugurates Maersk Salalah Service

Krishnapatnam Port, the country's largest all-weather; deep water port on the east-coast inaugurated the maiden call of "M V Maersk Bentonville" as part of the direct weekly service from Krishnapatnam to Salalah (Oman). The first voyage of Maersk Bentonville discharged 551 TEU and loaded 770 TEU of exports.

The weekly service is expected to provide fastest and most competitive service to the exporters and importers of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka and Northern Tamil Nadu to the ports of US East Coast, Mediterranean, Europe and Africa.

A formal inaugural ceremony was held to commemorate the maiden call in the presence of Mr. Anoop Kumar (RSM, Maersk Line), Mr. Biju Ravi (RSM, Safmarine) and Dr. Anup Dayanand Sadhu (GGM, CONCOR). Launching the service from KPCT, Mr. Anil Yendluri (Director & CEO, Krishnapatnam Port) welcomed the vessel and presented a memento to the vessel Captain. Exporters that supported the maiden vessel call were similarly presented with mementos by Mr. Jithendra Nimmagadda (COO, KPCT) & Ms. Vinita Venkatesh (Director - Marketing, KPCT). The Sales, Operations and Customer Service teams of Maersk and Safmarine along with KPCT team were also part of this memorable inaugural event.

Speaking on the occasion Mr. Anil Yendluri, Director & CEO, Krishnapatnam Port said, "We along with Maersk are happy to inaugurate Salalah – Krishnapatnam Port service. The new service will substantially minimize the cost and transit time in these areas, which will be of a huge benefit to our customers. The service will further get a boost from CONCOR's new rake service."

CONCOR has commenced rake service (Two rakes per week) from ICD Bangalore to KPCT and thereby providing hot connection to the Vessel for exports from Bangalore and also the fastest connection for imports clearance into Bangalore.

Speaking on the commencement of new rake service Dr. Anup Dayanand Sadhu, GGM, CONCOR said "The new rake service between ICD Bangalore and KPCT can be increased into a daily service as per the requirements of the trade."

Maersk team is pleased to announce this service due to the world-class infrastructure available at KPCT and are very happy with the immense support received from the EXIM trade particularly from exporters of Rice, Tobacco, Shrimps, Granite, Gherkins, Cement, etc. and importers of News Print, Furniture, Waste Paper, Machinery, Auto Components, etc.



About Krishnapatnam Port Company Limited

Krishnapatnam Port promoted by the Hyderabad-based C.V.R. Group is a privately built and owned all weather, deep water port on the east coast of India, located in the Nellore District of Andhra Pradesh. Krishnapatnam Port which is fast becoming a port of choice for all international cargo originating from and destined to the Southern and Central India, is the first and the only port to implement a single window system for business facilitation. The port with a transit storage area of 6,800 acres has the country's largest waterfront area of 161 sq. km, and a depth of 20.5 metres. Its current draft of 18.5 metres can accommodate full-sized cape vessel of 200,000-tonne capacity.

Krishnapatnam Port Company Ltd. (KPCL) which was formed by winning the mandate from the Govt. of Andhra Pradesh on BOST (Build-Operate-Share-Transfer) concession basis for 50 years is being built in three phases and currently the second phase is underway.