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## **PSA's Chennai International Terminals Welcomes Maiden Vessel Call with Record Vessel Productivity Rate of 115 moves per hour**

Chennai International Terminals Pvt Ltd (CITPL), owned and managed by PSA International, welcomed the maiden call of Regional Container Lines (RCL) vessel MV Buxharmony on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2013. The call at CITPL represents RCL's collaboration as a new consortium partner on the India Far East Express (INDFEX2) service. Besides the vessel's induction to this service, CITPL also achieved another milestone in vessel productivity on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2013 by handling 115 moves per hour for this call, completing all moves within 17 hours.

"CITPL has been progressively commissioning its four new Super Post Panamax Quay Cranes and eight new Rubber Tyre Gantry Cranes from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012 to increase its handling capacity and improve its service level to our customers. Our productivity has been improving since July 2012. We are pleased to cross the vessel productivity benchmark of 100 moves per hour and to achieve it on a maiden vessel call. This is in line with CITPL's commitment to provide reliable and efficient services to our customers," said Mr Sivakumar Kaliannan, General Manager CITPL.

CITPL currently has a total of 7 Quay Cranes (all twin lifts) and 18 Rubber Tyre Gantry Cranes, which have more than doubled the handling capacity of the terminal. CITPL is the only terminal in Chennai to have an on-dock rail siding, thereby offering direct rail container movement to the customers. CITPL is also increasing the number of reefer plugs and will be constructing additional container stacking yard to meet business demands.

The terminal currently caters to five mainline services to the Far East, two Colombo services and two Coastal services.

### **Background**

#### **About PSA International**

PSA International is one of the leading global port groups. PSA participates in port projects across Asia, Europe and the Americas with flagship operations in PSA Singapore Terminals and PSA Antwerp. Employing the finest talents in the industry, PSA delivers reliable and best-in-class service to its customers and develops win-win relationships with its partners. As the port operator of choice in the world's gateway hubs, PSA is "The World's Port of Call". PSA International has

been voted “Best Global Container Terminal Operating Company” for seven years since 2005 at the Asian Freight & Supply Chain Awards.

**About PSA’s Chennai International Terminals Pvt Ltd**

PSA’s Chennai International Terminals Pvt Ltd (CITPL) in Chennai Port is ideally positioned to tap the high growth Chennai region, which is steadily emerging as the hub for the Indian East Coast. The terminal is designed to accommodate and cater to the new generation of deep-draft container vessels. The terminal’s connectivity to Inland Container Depot (ICD) destinations is enhanced by its own dedicated rail connection right into the terminal. It is suitably equipped to serve the growing rail container traffic generated by an ever growing hinterland.

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