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for Oct - Nov '07

Maximum TEU handled in a vessel

-1592 TEUs in Maersk Ronneby berthed on 8th Oct 07

Fastest Handling of a Train

-47 moves in 40 minutes on 21st Oct 07

Yet another page was written into the history of modern Cochin on the 3rd of December 2007 with the conduct of the 'Bhoomi puja' of the civil works relating to the construction of the International Container Transshipment Terminal at Vallarpadam. In November 2007 the contract for civil works was awarded to M/s. Simplex Infrastructures Limited. The maximum period for completing the civil works of Phase I-A is 24 months.

Phase I-A of ICTT will consist of 600 m of quay, 6 quay cranes, 15 Rubber Tyred Gantry Cranes, 3500 ground slots including 450 reefer plug points and 2 empty handlers. The Cochin Port Trust will provide a draft of 14.5m alongside the quay. It would be possible to handle two trains simultaneously using three reach stackers. The trailer reception area will have the space for parking 100 trailers as well as to complete documentation before entry into the yard through a modern six lane gate complex. Facilities are also being provided for Customs to set up their offices, banks, service centers as well as canteen and refreshment locations. The works of road and rail connectivities are progressing well. The issues with regard to land acquisition have also been sorted out by the State Government.

The completion of Phase I-A of the ICTT will firmly place Cochin Port in the forefront of developing world class maritime infrastructure and catapult it to the position of the only transshipment hub in India. The ICTT will greatly improve productivity and service levels and also help collapse transaction costs. The development of ICTT is a huge window of opportunity for EXIM and local trade as well as for other enterprises ancillary to the containerized port such as logistic service providers, container freight stations, trailer operators, maintenance workshops, spare part dealers etc. A whole new world of jobs will open up for those who have the right skills and the right attitude.

I invite all of you to contribute positively towards such a tomorrow that will stand testimony as one of the greatest contributions of this generation to the next.

- Suresh Joseph
General Manager

BHOOMI POOJA



Work on the Vallarpadam International Container Transshipment Terminal (ICTT) had an auspicious start on 3.12.2007 (Monday) with a 'bhoomi pooja'.