

CONGO TERMINAL TAKES DELIVERY OF TWO NEW YARD GANTRIES

Congo Terminal, the concessionary of the container terminal at the Port of Pointe-Noire, has taken delivery of two new RTG yard gantries. With a 40-tonne lifting capacity, the new equipment will boost the container storage capacities of the yards and help to improve flows across all operations.

Financed by Congo Terminal to the tune of 2.6 billion CFA francs (€4 million), the two yard gantries, built by lifting equipment manufacturer Konecranes, will strengthen the stevedoring capacities of the Congo container terminal.

Congo Terminal is thus pursuing its investment programme to make Pointe-Noire a leading deep-water port that backs up specific corridors and responds to the expectations of the main ship owners. In 2019, the company handled over 920,000 TEU, compared with 190,000 TEU at the start of the concession. This enabled the Port of Pointe-Noire to earn the distinction of “the best wharf productivity of the ports in Central and West Africa”.

Commenting, Laurent Palayer, Managing Director of Congo Terminal, said: *“Through this new investment, we are continuing to boost the competitiveness of the economy and step up the momentum of trade in the region. Since 2009, Congo Terminal has invested over 250 billion CFA francs (€400 million) in the development of infrastructure, the acquisition of modern stevedoring equipment and the installation of a high-performance operational system.”*

About Congo Terminal

Congo Terminal, a Bolloré Ports concession, is the operator of the container terminal at Pointe-Noire. The company is engaged in a public-private partnership enabling it to respond to the requirements of its ship-owner, import and export customers. By reducing its delivery tariffs by 50%, Congo Terminal is contributing to the improvement of purchasing power and the fight against the high cost of living. With ISO 9001:2015, ISPS (safety) and Pedestrian Free Yard (HSE) certification, the company benefits from leading-edge technology and the extensive port expertise of the Bolloré Ports network. Congo Terminal implements mobility solutions that respect the environment, including electric buses for the transport of employees. Congo Terminal employs over 900 Congolese employees and leads solidarity initiatives in favour of young people, environmental protection and education.

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