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## **MPS ENHANCING BORDER SECURITY AND PORT GATE CAPACITY AT TERMINAL 3**

Meridian Port Services Limited (MPS) has procured and installed an additional Container Scanner at MPS Terminal 3 aiming to improve operational efficiency for the port. This investment brings to 6, the total number of Drive-Through Container Scanners installed in the terminal.

*“This is being proactive to have reserve capacity and a good response to the foreseen future. When you look at the growth of volumes, since the start of operations at MPS Terminal 3 there has been steady volume increase. In This 6<sup>th</sup> scanner will serve as a back up to the other 5 scanners during the routine maintenance without interrupting the flow of cargo”* explain Mr. Matthieu Ferraro, Head of Construction at MPS.

The HCVP Scanner is a latest of its kind drive-through portal for the inspection of trucks, containers and other vehicles providing the Customs Officers with cargo manifest verification against the captured X-Ray images, reducing the need for manual inspections. It can also detect drugs, explosives and weapons. Its accelerators allow for steel penetration from 230mm (9in) to 300mm (11.8in) while providing a high throughput. It has a small carbon footprint with the ability to allow a throughput of 100 to 120 vehicles per hour.

A sophisticated software of the Container Scanners has been put to the exclusive use of the Customs Division of Ghana Revenue Authority and the respective Government Agencies for enhancing Border Security and Safeguarding the State Revenue while providing the highest operational standards to the port users.

For CEO of MPS, Mr. Mohamed Samara: *“ In line with the begins of the Africa Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA), MPS also look at the vital investments that will gear up our facilities to present a secure trading platform and enhance our role as a gateway to the economy. This cutting-edge machinery is part of the MPS’s long standing vision of creating a digitally advanced port facility integrated with the latest technology. It is also in line with the Vice President’s ease-of-doing-business measures that MPS has implemented to enhance Tema Port’s competitiveness and attract more cargo”.*

### **About MPS**

Meridian Port Services Limited (MPS) is a joint venture between Bolloré Transport & Logistics, APM Terminals and the State of Ghana via the Ghana Ports and Harbours Authority (GPHA). With 700 employees and generating 1,000 indirect jobs, MPS is developing container storage and stevedoring activities to the benefit of the Ghanaian economy. The company implements solidarity initiatives that benefit the population in partnership with NGOs, helping to empower young people and raise awareness on environmental protection.

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