

Media Release

Northport, the first port in Malaysia to acquire eco-friendly port equipment

PORT KLANG: Northport (Malaysia) Bhd becomes the first port in Malaysia to acquire an environmental friendly terminal handling equipment for its container handling operations. This green initiative is made through a purchase of 13 units of Electric Rubber Tired Gantry (E-RTG) cranes. The E-RTGs are fully powered by shore power and equipped with the latest drive technology that will produce cleaner and more efficient method of operation. These E-RTGs uses high capacity batteries to power the equipment during cross-travelling outside its normal work-area which totally eliminates any requirement for engines of any sizes. This is the second environmental friendly terminal handling equipment project after the introduction of the Hybrid-RTGs about three years ago.

"The E-RTG cranes movement is performed using energy saving electric motors, which are inverter controlled. The high performance electro-mechanical anti-sway system and automatic steering control system using DGPS based technology helps to enhance productivity, ensuring easy positioning of containers and standard cycle time of 58 seconds", says Abi Sofian Abdul Hamid, Chief Executive Officer of Northport.

According to Abi Sofian, this acquisition is part of Northport's business and port expansion plan involving significant redevelopment and restructuring of its infrastructure as well as major upgrading of its equipment and facilities. The redevelopment and restructuring of this 100 year-old port showcase Northport's commitment to serve its customers better and stay ahead of the competition.

"The E-RTG energy consumption cost is only 35% of a Diesel-powered RTG. By adopting this new technology, we are expected to reduce the fuel cost significantly. This investment is also made in response to the Government's green technology initiatives. We believe these cranes will increase our operational efficiency and productivity, in an eco-friendly and responsible way", adds Abi Sofian. Northport is expecting the complete delivery of the cranes by May 2013

Meanwhile, commenting on Northport's new Container Terminal 4, Abi Sofian said the project is progressing well on schedule and the construction of Wharf 8A which will form part of it, is expected to be fully operational in July 2013. Upon its completion, Wharf 8A will be able to berth vessels with deeper draft which in turn will improve connectivity.

Besides that, Northport is also investing in new equipment to support the efficiency of its operations. Among the equipment ordered are quay cranes, prime movers, rubber-tyred gantries and trailers. All the equipment marked for CT 4 operations are being delivered culminating in the arrival of the four Super Post Panamax Quay Cranes in the second

quarter of 2013 to coincide timely with the completion of Wharf 8A.

Beyond that, the port is also working to upgrade facilities for its' conventional cargo operations at Bulk Terminal and Southpoint.

“All these projects upon completion will place Northport at the right position to ride through the upturn in the next cycle of global economic growth. This will be further enhanced with process to improve workforce capability under the Rejuvenating TeamNorthport Program”, says Abi Sofian.

ABOUT NORTHPORT

Wholly-owned subsidiary of NCB Holdings Bhd, Northport (Malaysia) Bhd operates the multi-purpose port facility in Malaysia providing a comprehensive range of port services to meet the individual needs of its customers. With its real time smart information system designed to guarantee operational and cost efficiency, Northport offers faster vessel turnaround time. Apart from offering feeder services to neighbouring countries, Northport has increased connectivity to worldwide ports including China, India, Intra Asia, the Mediterranean and Europe making it one of the most important hub ports in the Asian region.

Northport received major awards for its commendable performance – Best Employer of Choice 2012 – Silver Category by MIHRM, Best Container Terminal Under 4mil TEUs by Cargonews Asia at AFSCA 2009 & AFSCA 2010, Multi-Purpose Terminal Operator of The Year (Asia Pacific) by Frost & Sullivan in 2009, Top 10 Master Award by The BrandLaureate in 2010, (*category*) Major Employer - Services Sector by the Ministry of Human Resources and Human Resources Development Berhad at the Human Resources Development Berhad Award 2009, Top 10 Most Preferred Brand Award by The BrandLaureate in 2009, Best Brands in Logistics Ports Award by The BrandLaureate in 2008, Investment in People Award by Enterprise Asia at the Asia Pacific Entrepreneurship Award in 2008, ASRIA Social Responsibility International Award in 2007, Technology Business Review Excellence Awards 2007 and IKMAL Corporate Excellence Award in 2007.

OUR CSR VALUE

We adopt a sustainable approach to every aspect of our business. We are committed to behaving ethically. Our core values include working together as one team and building a strong culture that reflects our identity and integrity. We believe that our corporate responsibility covers key elements, including economic, social, environmental and the community, and we take these very seriously.

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