

## **Cucumber exports from the Terminal de Contenedores de Yucatán reach an all time high**

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**Barcelona, 6 June 2013.-** Cucumber exports from the Mexican state of Yucatán reached a historical high last season. Between November 2012 and April 2013, the **Terminal de Contenedores de Yucatán (TCY)**, belonging to **Grup Marítim TCB**, moved around 1,500 40 foot refrigerated containers, the equivalent of 30,000 tonnes of the vegetable. The American company in charge of distributing and marketing the product along the U.S. east coast is **Southern Valley**, active in Yucatán since 2003 and carrying out 100% of its exports from TCY in Puerto Progreso.

Rich in calcium, chlorine, potassium and iron, cucumber is grown in the south of the state of Yucatán. The previous export record for this product dates back to the 2008/2009 season, when 1,271 containers were transported.

Puerto Progreso has gradually become an international reference for the export of these farm products, as well as others such as citrus fruits and watermelons, and is an important driver for the local economy. Located in the Yucatán Peninsula, southeast of the Gulf of Mexico, it connects import and export companies to large commercial markets in Europe and the Americas.

Grup Marítim TCB has managed the Terminal de Contenedores de Yucatán since 2005 to provide shipping companies with quality services in the movement of goods. Its policy of technical and technological innovation is reflected in its current equipment, comprising two Panamax gantry cranes, one mobile crane and five reach stackers. TCY has a surface area of 11.5 hectares, a total of 480 metres of docks up to 11.3 metres deep.

### **About Grup TCB**

Grup TCB is a global reference in the design and management of efficient maritime port terminals. Currently, it operates 11 container terminals: Barcelona, Canary Islands, Valencia, Gijón, Paranaguá (Brasil), Havana (Cuba), Progreso (Mexico), Buenaventura (Colombia), Nemrut Bay (Turkey) and, in the

future, Puerto Quetzal (Guatemala). It also has two subsidiaries in the intermodal services sector (TCB Railway Transport and TCV Railway Transport) and four rail terminals (Barcelona, Valencia, Gijon, Zaragoza).

Grup TCB puts special emphasis on optimising internal resources and the organic development of its business, which is being achieved by implementing the latest technologies and professional training of its personnel. This guarantees the quality of its operations, maximum sustainability and environmental compatibility.

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