



## **APM TERMINALS MOBILE CONTAINER TERMINAL PHASE 3 EXPANSION COMPLETE EXTENDED QUAY SIMULTANEOUSLY DOCKS TWO SHIPS**

**Mobile, Alabama. – March 31, 2020.** Alabama’s seaport modernization program continues to complete important milestones to meet shipper demand and accommodate larger vessels. The Alabama Port Authority completed its 400-foot container dock extension at the APM Terminals Mobile facility on 20 March, and three days later, the terminal for the first time simultaneously handled two container ships at the newly expanded berth. The berth extension now enables two x 8,000-10,000 TEU be safely and easily handled simultaneously. The quay extension was part of a \$50 million Phase 3 expansion that increased terminal capacity and productivity at the 10-year old APM Terminals Mobile intermodal container complex at the Port of Mobile.

The BELITA with a length overall of 1,096 feet (334.1m) and the COSCO SANTOS with a length overall of 856 feet (261.1m) utilized about 2100 feet of berth on the newly finished quay. With weekly Post-Panamax container ship calls at the APM Terminals-operated facility, the Port Authority quickly invested to remove possible vessel berth conflicts at the terminal. The dock enhancement project also beefed up the mooring and fender systems to accommodate Super Post-Panamax vessels. The terminal is already equipped with two (2) Super Post-Panamax and two (2) Post-Panamax ship-to-shore gantry cranes to service the larger container class vessels already calling the port.

The APM Terminals Mobile Phase 3 modernization project complements prior investments by the Alabama State Port Authority and APM Terminals totaling \$450 million in marine and rail container intermodal terminals. Investments to date will soon be enhanced by the recent U.S. Army Corps of Engineers issued permit and receipt of full federal and state funding to take the Mobile Harbor to -50 foot draft by 2024. Construction on the channel and harbor improvements is expected to begin later this year.

“We continue to seek out and implement innovation and world class infrastructure to meet the needs of our carriers and shippers,” said Jimmy Lyons, director and chief executive officer for the Alabama State Port Authority. “We’re very pleased with both carrier and shipper confidence in our program as they continue to introduce larger ships, add capacity and increase volumes through the Port.”

Brian Harold, Managing Director of APM Terminals Mobile said, “We are very excited to complete this project which allows us to offer a significant increase in berthing windows to our customers. This expansion also enables us to offer improved capabilities to quickly service vessels that may arrive ahead-of, or behind schedule.”

The new dock is also capable of housing more cranes – which allows more cranes to be added in the future. Other recent improvements include an expanded outbound gate (from four to six lanes) and an expanded Intermodal Rail Facility (by ten acres). Across the street from the terminal, a nearly 300,000

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square foot refrigerated warehouse facility, is being built by MCT Logistics and is aimed for completion later this year. APM Terminals Mobile currently has four direct all-water weekly services from Asia, calling various Ports in China and Southeast Asia; three of them make direct calls in Busan as well. The facility handled 419,316 TEU in 2019. “Jimmy Lyons and the Alabama State Port Authority have been a great partner in growing the container volumes in the Port of Mobile. Since the opening of the container terminal in 2008 we have consistently worked together on short and long-term commercial efforts, as well as the strategic development plans of the facility,” added Mr. Harold.

The Alabama State Port Authority owns and operates the State of Alabama’s deep-water port facilities at the Port of Mobile and its public facilities handle more than 26 million tons of cargo annually. APM Terminals, part of the Maersk shipping and logistics global leader, operates the APM Terminals Mobile facility. The Port of Mobile’s container, general cargo and bulk facilities have immediate access to two interstate systems, five Class 1 railroads, and nearly 15,000 miles of inland waterway connections. Learn more at [www.asdd.com](http://www.asdd.com) or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/AlabamaStatePortAuth](https://www.facebook.com/AlabamaStatePortAuth)

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