

Hind Terminals-CWC Logistics Park CFS showcases its rail siding to the trade

Facilitates smooth loading of cargo into containers from BCN wagons at CFS in Nhava Sheva with rail siding

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THE Hind Terminals Pvt. Ltd (HTPL)-CWC Logistics Park container freight station (CFS) at Nhava Sheva (about 13 km from JN Port) has offered another Value-Added Service to the trade in the form of a 3 Full rake railway siding for handling both General Purpose wagon Rakes (Ex.BCN Rakes) and Container Rakes at the facility to enhance the efficiency of the supply chain.

The railway siding, which is available at HTPL-CWC Logistics Park, the Biggest CFS at Nhava Sheva, was showcased to a large gathering of the trade, including shippers, CHAs, freight forwarders, buyers surveyors and leading shipping lines here on Friday (August 21).

Notified recently, one of the key facilitations of this siding is that it allows customers to bring in their bulk cargo in BCN wagons and stuff it directly in containers for export. This is enabled by three full-rake (a rake generally has about 40 wagons) tracks, out of which two are parallel tracks of 1,100 m and one track is of 900 m. All the 3 tracks have both-side stuffing space, which facilitates simultaneous, speedy cargo unloading



Mr Mahendar Puri (third from left) and others at the facility

and container stuffing into boxes placed alongside the tracks.

A unique feature of the HTPL facility is that, unlike other sidings, the tracks here are at ballast level, which ensure that there is minimum wastage of cargo. Cargo loss is a major problem while loading or unloading bagged or loose stuff to and from BCN wagons. The Hind Terminals CFS also offers manual bagging facility for loose cargo.

An important service offering complementing the siding is dedicated cargo storage space in the form of 4 covered warehouses, totalling an area of 28,300 sq. m. One warehouse, dedicated for agro commodities, was recently operationalised, while two others are under construction and scheduled for commissioning in September. Each warehouse

has 23 chassis stuffing points.

Cargo operations are also assisted by two weighbridges of 100-tonne capacity each (out of which one is under commissioning) and an 'In-Motion Weighbridge' for Rake Weighment at the entry point of the facility. This gives a unique advantage to the trade. There will be surveyor's team at each stuffing point for monitoring proper cargo stuffing and making correct tally sheets.

All of this is designed to facilitate smooth and synchronised operations at the rail siding, round-the-clock if need be.

The first BCN rake is expected at the CFS in early September.

Besides BCN rakes, the siding facilitates movement of container rakes for empty container repositioning, connecting to other gateway ports as well as ICDs, movement of domestic cargo, etc. Other private rail operators can also bring in their rakes and containers for examination, as the HTPL Railway Siding at HTPL-CWC Logistics Park is **the only container rake examination facility** in the whole Mumbai area.

HTPL plans to have two more tracks as part of the siding depending upon the demand from the trade.

Earlier, giving an overview of the performance of the CFS, Mr Vivek Kapoor, Vice-President, Sales and Marketing, HTPL, said that the biggest CFS in Nhava Sheva had achieved many a milestone since it was commissioned in May 2007 and had emerged as a one-stop shop for innovative and customer-focused logistics solutions.

With advantages such as own assets and equipment, ample ground slots, reefer points and many other facilities for users such as shipping lines, customers, CHAs, freight forwarders, surveyors, etc., it had handled 3,07,959 TEUs till date. Spread



over an area of 30 hectares, it is now fully operational.

HTPL also operates a CFS at Mundra.

HTPL's container rail operations (all-India), which commenced in April 2007, had thus far handled 1,28,801 TEUs, Mr Kapoor pointed out.

The programme was attended by a cross-section of the trade and Hind Terminals officials, including Mr Mahendar Puri, CEO.



Invitees and HTPL officials at the entry point of the railway line leading into the CFS



Invitees engrossed in the presentation



Mr Mahendar Puri (seated third from left) with the Hind Terminals team



The CFS' administration building



Tank container storage facility also available



The entry gate

CONTAINERS ARE STACKED LINE-WISE AT THE CFS

