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TEMA PORT EXPANSION PROJECT LAST PAVEMENT BLOCKS LAID TO MARK COMPLETION OF PHASE 1

On 3rd June, 2020, a ceremony was held at the Meridian Port Services Terminal 3 facility at Tema Port to mark the completion of the works for the first phase of the Tema Port Expansion Project.



Chief Executive Officer of MPS, Mr. Mohamed Samara in a welcome address thanked all who contributed to the successful completion of the works while ensuring that the highest safety, environmental and social sustainability protocols were observed.

He highlighted the facilities constructed on the paved land and what it represents.

In effect, the first phase has instantly increased the container handling capacity of Tema Port from 1 Million to 2.5 Million TEUS. In addition, over the last 10 months of operations, we have had the opportunities to stress-test and stabilise our fully integrated systems and processes. The seamless synchronization of the



systems and processes coupled with the state-of art infrastructure can only guarantee our success in delivering the highest service levels to the Maritime Industry.

“MPS will continue to improve the socio-economic fortunes of our communities and nation at large, create a safe and secure environment for the port community as we engage in investments that will grow our external connectivity to newer markets in the global transport sphere.” The CEO said in affirmation of MPS commitment to the development of Ghana.



Hon. Daniel Titus-Glover, deputy Minister of Transport, representing the Minister of Transport elaborated that while we commemorate this landmark event in the building of the physical infrastructure, we should not lose focus that investment in technology and the constant maintenance and upgrade of our Technology Systems will guarantee the future of this port facility.

I am pleased to learn that a host of Ghanaian workforce were employed to complete these works, each gained some knowledge, and many have since gone on to work on other construction projects being undertaken nationwide. The resource base of Ghana including civil, electrical, maritime, architectural, geotechnical have had their respective skills improved to match international standards.

This is the reason why I have been very impressed with MPS’ investment in systems like the Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) Systems, Optical Character Recognition (OCR) Systems, Scanners, Terminal Operating Systems (Navis 4), Truck Appointment Systems (TAS) and the Differential Global Positioning Systems (DGPS). *The Port of Tema should continue to position itself as an efficient port facility to advance the ease of doing business in Ghana.*

The Director General of GPHA said GPHA on his part said that the Authority will make major investments to realize the full potential of Terminal 3 and continue to keep the Port active in spite of the ongoing worldwide economic difficulties.

“Following the construction of the harbour basin capable of accommodating more berths, we will begin to look at further developments to bring to a full manifestation our vision for the Tema Port.



We also look forward to improvements in our road and rail sector to complement this infrastructure to facilitate the transport of raw materials to and from the hinterlands. This is about creating a seamless nexus for our biggest economic back bone, the Agriculture sector and ensuring a major boost for the exportation of produce.”

The Minister for Trade and Industry, Hon. Alan Kyerematen described the facility as vital towards Ghana's post COVID-19 economic recovery. He said that Ghana stands to benefit from the global shifting necessitated by COVID-19 as the project held significant positive implications for the nation.



“Port infrastructure or port facilities are not an end in themselves, they are meant to be a means of facilitating trade. I believe that what we are seeing here today and with the level of efficiency of the operations of MPS so far, within a very short period of time, I am very convinced that we would optimize the facilitation of trade in Ghana and in West Africa.

So I am hoping that I can work with my colleagues in the Ministry of Transport, Ministry of Finance to make Tema and in particular this facility the next transshipment hub for Africa and so we are going to put in place the necessary legislation and policy framework for this to happen and happen quickly. It is only when this occurs that the whole concept for Ghana being the commercial hub of Africa will be realized.”



The Board Chairman of MPS, Dr Edmund Osei Tutu Prempeh in his statement said: *“This asset's lifespan according to the design criteria, is a Century (100 years) which is long after we are all gone from mother earth. You will forever be remembered by generations to come for your contribution towards this very important national asset.*

The collective efforts of all have brought us together to commemorate this success story and I am convinced that this is only the beginning of great things to come for the Port of Tema in becoming a driving force for the development of Ghana's trade and industry.”

Mr. Matthieu Ferraro (MPS Construction Manager) and Paul Tuckwell (Deputy Project Manager EIFFAGE) invited the dignitaries, led by the Honourable Minister for Trade, to place the final blocks to seal the land works of what is the most advanced Container Terminal on the western coastline of Africa.



The celebratory function which was graced with the presence of several officials; State Ministers, Parliamentarians, Mayors, Ambassadors and Stakeholders in the Transport Sector.

The positive sentiments were also expressed during the interviews with all the dignitaries including Deputy Minister of Trade, Commissioner of Customs and Tema Sector Commander, the CEO of the Ghana Shippers Authority as well as the Mayor of the Tema Metropolitan Assembly, the Municipal Chief Executive of Tema West Assembly and Parliamentary Representatives within Tema. Also present were Diplomatic heads of France, Netherlands and Denmark in Ghana who echoed same.

