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Port of Salalah to mark 30 million TEU milestone on G6 call

Port of Salalah, the second largest container hub within the Middle East, will soon mark a milestone of having handled 30 million Twenty-foot Equivalent Units (TEUs) since its inception, while welcoming the first eastbound vessel call of the G6 shipping alliance.

The occasion combines a tribute to Port of Salalah's ongoing market growth and productivity in container handling with the strengthening of the port's commercial services, as the new G6 service will allow customers further options on eastbound connections to Asia and westbound to Europe.

The G6 alliance, which started operations in April 2012, has united six container shipping firms into one of the largest vessel networks in the Far East to Europe trade lane to lift efficiency amid the downturn of the global containerships industry.

Iain Rawlinson, Chief Liner Commercial Manager of Port of Salalah said, "We welcome the G6 among our new liner services, giving our local and regional customers yet more options to connect with the world's markets. We would also like to take this opportunity to recognize the strong support over the years from our dedicated customers at Maersk, APL, MSC, SCI and CSAV, who are the major contributors in our success story. This milestone is an opportunity to recall that our location, efficiency and experience in service, and the options we can offer our customers are compelling reasons why the Port of Salalah is a port of choice for the region."

Peter Ford, CEO of Port of Salalah added, "Achieving 30 million TEU would not have been possible without of the incredible foresight and commitment from our major stakeholders. We are very thankful to the government of Oman and particularly the Ministry of Transport and Communication, as well as to APM Terminals, our valued employees and customers, and the private-public institutions which have supported the Port's growth over 14 years."

In its 14 years of operations, Port of Salalah has risen to a rank amongst the world's top 30 container ports and has broken the world record for productivity twice. The port has also won local and international awards in economic development, health and safety, innovation and environmental initiatives.

The Port of Salalah is located at the major east-west shipping lane and is viewed as the region's best located port in order to access the Middle East, Indian Subcontinent and East Africa.

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Port of Salalah handled 3.2 million TEUs at its Container Terminal during 2011

On Port of Salalah:

Port of Salalah (also Salalah Port Services Company SAOG) is Oman's largest port. The port is partly owned and managed by APM Terminals, one of the largest container terminal operators in the world. Port of Salalah is made up of a Container Terminal with seven berths of up to 18m depth and a General Cargo Terminal of twelve berths of up to 16m depth. Development and expansion of both terminals is on-going and will double the port's capacity over the next four years.