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Official launch of work on CONGO TERMINAL, the new container terminal at Pointe-Noire, as part of the development concession signed between the Autonomous Port of Pointe-Noire and the syndicate formed by *Bolloré Africa Logistics* and its local partners Socotrans, Samariti and Translo.

The official launching ceremony for work on **Congo Terminal**, the new name of the container terminal in the port of Pointe-Noire (Congo Brazzaville), took place today in the presence of Denis Sassou N'Guesso, President of the Republic of the Congo, and Vincent Bolloré, President of the Bolloré group.

This ceremony is the starting point for the modernization and expansion works at the container terminal in the port of Pointe-Noire.

The aim of Congo Terminal is to make Pointe-Noire the benchmark deep-water port for Central Africa, both as a major trans-shipment terminal and also as the main port for hinterland transits (Import and Export) in the Congo basin, opening to the principal corridors of the sub-region, in particular serving the Democratic Republic of Congo, the Central African Republic and the north of Angola.

The first invitations to tender for civil engineering companies are under way. The first stage of the works will be to prolong the quay by 270 meters to a total length of 800m with a depth of water of 15m, capable of receiving container ships with a capacity of up to 7000 TEU¹s. At the end of the concession, Congo Terminal will have 1500 linear meters of quay (800m at depths to 15m and 700m at depths to 13m), 38 ha of storage surface (as against 17ha today), 14 quayside gantries and 34 storage yard gantries. These resources should enable it to achieve a flow of 1 million TEUs per year by 2020 (as against some 200,000 TEUs in 2008).

Congo Terminal will start operations on July 1, 2009.

The investments programmed over the duration of the concession (27 years) comprise an envelope of 374bn FCFA (570 M€), of which 327.5bn FCFA are provided by the *Bolloré Africa Logistics* – Socotrans – Samariti - Translo syndicate, 34.5bn FCFA financed by international investors, and 12bn FCFA by the port authorities.

Congo Terminal will allow the development of permanent employment in the port of Pointe-Noire. The permanent workforce will increase throughout the duration of the concession and should reach 1000 employees by 2018 (against 230 permanent jobs today out of a total of 550 employees). In parallel, the site will generate nearly 200 jobs during the infrastructure works.

The concession contract for the management and operation of the Container Terminal of the Port of Pointe-Noire was signed on December 23, 2008 between the Congolese authorities and the syndicate formed by *Bolloré Africa Logistics* and its local partners Socotrans, Samariti and Translo. This signature concluded tendering process begun in December 2007

¹ TEU: Twenty-foot Equivalent Unit

which brought 12 of the leading international port developers and authorities into competition. The bid by *Bolloré Africa Logistics* was the winner, in particular because of the scope and coherence of its project.

Bolloré Africa Logistics, already present as an independent handling contractor in the port of Pointe-Noire for more than 50 years through its subsidiary SDV Congo, will bring Congo Terminal the fruit of its experience as a benchmark port operator in Africa.

Congo Terminal will be able to provide merchant fleets with a first-rate infrastructure located at the cross-roads of the main world shipping lanes, and will stimulate trading along the land and river corridors of Central Africa.



The Bolloré Group and *Bolloré Africa Logistics* in a few words

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A listed company, the Group is majority controlled by the Bolloré family. The stability of its shareholder structure enables it to pursue a long-term investment policy.

The Bolloré Group has some 32,000 employees around the world. In 2008 it had a turnover of 7,326 million euros, an increase of 14.5% over 2007.

Bolloré Africa Logistics is the leading integrated logistics network in Africa. Present for over 50 years in 41 countries and with 200 agencies, it is a major player in port activities, a specialist in land transport and an expert in made-to-measure logistics solutions.

Bolloré Africa Logistics is the leading private port operator in Sub-Saharan Africa: it is present in Abidjan, Tema, Cotonou, Lagos, Douala, Libreville and Pointe-Noire. Today its port concessions are of European standard and show performances that rival those of Europe's greatest ports.

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