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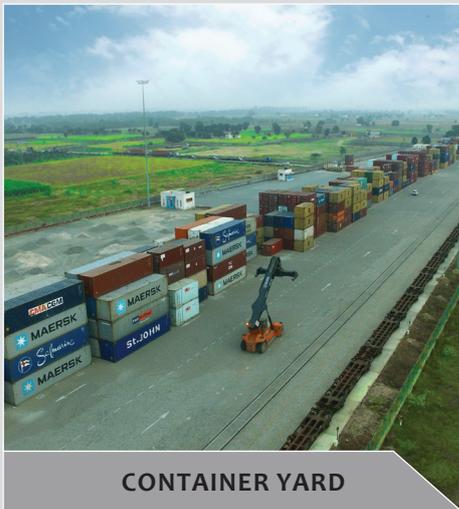
## DELHI INTERNATIONAL CARGO TERMINAL

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# ICTRIPL And DICT Become The First To Handle Live Reefer Imports For North India



REEFER YARD



CONTAINER YARD

**D**elhi International Cargo Terminal (DICT) achieved yet another feat by bringing refrigerated cargo movements out of deep freeze when International Cargo Terminals and Rail Infrastructure Pvt Ltd (ICTRIPL) became the first train operator in North India to transport inbound (import) live reefer containers on its trains. Special arrangements were made by ICTRIPL to handle a delicate consignment of small apple trees (shrubs), which required the temperature to be maintained at +2 degrees centigrade. The shrubs were shipped by the horticulture department of Jammu and Kashmir from Italy. The consignment of eight 40' containers was handed to ICTRIPL at Mundra on 12 July 2016 and it reached the DICT on 15 July 2016. Throughout the journey, power was supplied to the containers by a specialised modular power pack developed by DICT. An in-house plant and quarantine facility was already available at DICT and this led to a very fast customs clearance.

The achievement is a significant one, since for a long time the trade had been demanding a cost-

effective and viable solution for transporting temperature-controlled import consignments from ports to NCR. In the absence of such a logistics service, cargo was being moved by road, which is not only costly but risky. ICTRIPL and DICT, therefore, took the initiative to solve this complex problem for their customers. ICTRIPL has developed special infrastructure to handle temperature-controlled cargo. It has 86 reefer points and 36 tractor trailers with gensets to support the last-and first-mile transport. DICT also has a nonparallel reefer infrastructure with 108 plug points, in-house power backup of 1500 kVA apart from grid connectivity, over 35 genset-fitted trailers and more than six power packs to support live reefers on trains. DICT also has an experienced team of reefer technicians. Very soon DICT will usher in another paradigm shift in the industry: it will become the only ICD in North India to have its own cold storage facility. A green field cold chain unit of 8000 metric tonnes capacity is being built adjoining the ICD. The development will give a big boost to North India's logistics industry ■

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# DICT Achieved A Record High Of 6000 TEUs Of Cargo Throughput In August 2016

**A** recent development yet again proves that the Delhi International Cargo Terminal (DICT) is on the right track to achieve the goal of becoming the leader of NCR's logistics industry. The Sonapat - based terminal handled more than 6000 TEUs in August 2016 - a feat that any ICD needs to celebrate. The phenomenal growth has been mainly due to an increase in import, reefer and export volumes. Some new commodities have also been added to the terminal's cargo basket, including waste paper, wood pulp, calcium carbonate and machinery.

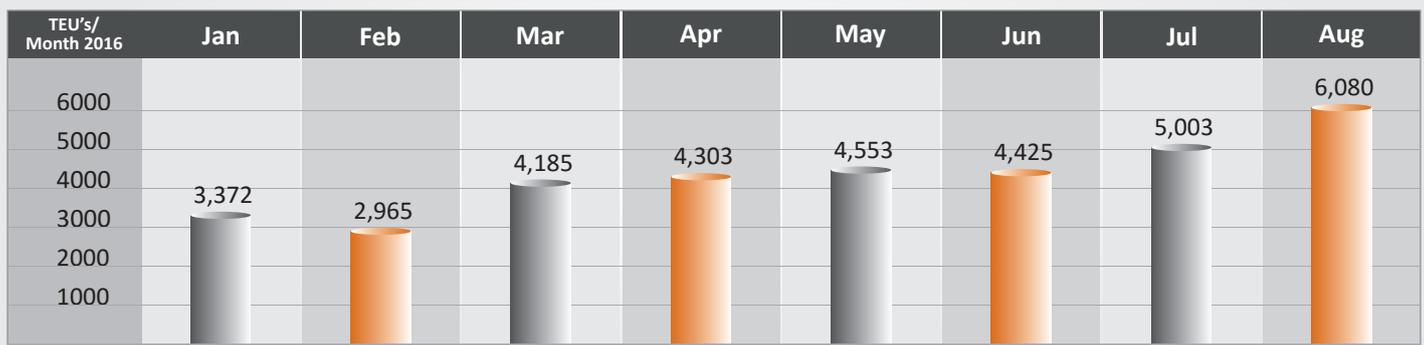
DICT has always been breaking records for handling cargo. During the first year of operations, it handled over 18,000 TEUs of dry, bulk and temperature-controlled consignments, with the very first month of exim operation (January 2015) registering business worth 1,500 TEUs. The container traffic of the terminal is increasing at a fast pace as there are no delays. With its current capabilities and future

investments, DICT is expected to handle about 100,000 TEUs by the end of this financial year, and this is expected to double in the following year as North Indian trade increases phenomenally. The ICD promoted by the country's leading logistics conglomerate J M Baxi has more than 100 commodities in its cargo basket such as foodgrains, handloom, machinery, polymers, used clothing, liquid chemicals and perishables. Its host of services include containerisation, empty storage, container repair, bulk cargo warehousing, liquid bulk storage (be it of clean liquids or chemicals), railhead movement, cold storage facility for refrigerated cargo, and bagging facility for bulk cargoes like fertiliser. It offers a 24x7, congestion free operations. The terminal has 12 dedicated rakes in its system, providing seamless connection to JNPT, Mundra and Pipavav for exim cargo, or any domestic location in the hinterland. All these rakes, each with a capacity of about 90 TEUs, are owned and operated by DICT, which implies better services than what is

being offered by the competitors who are dependent on outsourced rakes.

DICT is endeavouring to lead the way in implementing transformative initiatives to ensure products move in a timely and productive manner. It is also constantly improving its infrastructure to achieve this goal. Starting from the current financial year, there has been continuous investment in improving operational efficiency, IT facilities, human resources, equipment and connectivity. Presently, the facility has more than 200 employees, spread across in three shift operations all days of the week, to ensure operational convenience to customers. Also committed towards environmental sustainability, DICT adheres to strict air emission standards and is taking steps towards creating a green belt and conserving water. Its team strives towards ensuring DICT achieves what others could not, and it hopes that DICT will soon be the biggest hub for handling NCR's container traffic ■

## DELHI INTERNATIONAL CARGO TERMINAL AT SONEPAT



Delhi International Cargo Terminal has steadily emerged as the ideal gateway from NCR specially favouring the agro belt of Haryana, the industries situated in Himachal, Chandigarh, Western UP, Punjab and till Jammu & Kashmir. DICT has been ideally positioned on NH1 and has greatly benefitted the exim trade with reduced costs of logistics effected through lower transport distances and faster turnarounds with practical round the clock operation. We wish all the success to this new venture.

**P S Atree, President, DCCAA**

DICT, set up near Sonapat, falls in the centre of the rice belt, has the advantage of its strategic location. The proximity of NH1 is an added plus point. The ICD started its operation in Jan 2015. The facility seems to have now crossed the initial teething problems. Currently, we see a lot of development in terms of increase in both export and import volumes. Also, the range of commodities being handled by the ICD has widened. From a shipping lines perspective, I see the demand for DICT gradually growing. During the initial period of its functioning, exporters or their CHA's used to request for empty pick ups from TKD, Dadri or Loni. But now, the table has turned and the same exporters are demanding emptys from DICT itself. That is the reason, most of the big carriers are currently having sufficient inventory at DICT. This has happened only because of the high level of service(s) being provided at DICT. These include availability of trailers, faster clearance, scheduled rail connectivity to all the 3 western gateway ports and a host of value added services. Acceptance of this ICD, in such a short span of time is really commendable. It seems trade has accepted DICT as an alternative to TKD, Dadri and Loni. The demand for the ICD will further grow in the days to come. I am sure, DICT has a bright future.

**Capt. Mishra, Dy. Vice President, Container Movement (Bombay) Transport Pvt. Ltd.**

At the outset, let me begin by congratulating J M BAXI GROUP on their centenary year. We have been associated with this Group over the years (through their various divisions) and DICT has been the latest feather in the cap. Our business transactions with DICT has been seamless. Have found DICT to be very professional, committed and progressive organisation, with Customer Focus being their key strength. The personnel in DICT go miles to ensure customer satisfaction. It is evident that they recognize commitment and integrity as the soul of their business ethics. Value creation by the top management having immense port and shipping industry expertise, delivery of sustainable results with creative innovations forms a strong platform for DICT to become the market leader in the ICD segment in this region. Wishing DICT the very best in all their endeavours.

**Shridhar Subramaniam, General Manager, KMTC India Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi**

A note of appreciation for entire team of Delhi International Cargo Terminal. You folks are highly professional. The facility has shown all the capabilities to efficiently handle the cargo movements. The customer service has been very prompt in attending to queries round the clock. With sincere appreciation and gratitude.

**Kamal Makhija, Crosslink**

Delhi International Cargo Terminal, The New Venture (ICD) has changed concept and views of Indian Rice Exporters based in North India. Since the inception of DICT Sonapat, it has been turning out to be a right choice for RICE exporters as it is located at the HUB of Rice manufacturers and exporters. The Unmatched services rendered by DICT thru its professional and dedicated staff providing 24x7 assistance to their valuable customer has encouraged them to use DICT.

**Manoj Kumar, Partner, Oscar Shipping**

ICD Sonipat has proved to a geographically located port. Turn around of containers is very fast for shipping lines. Facilities and Infrastructure are world class.

**Shanti Kothiyal, Manager, Maxicon Shipping Agencies, New Delhi**

DICT has been a successful in support services for Exporters and Importers of KUNDLI/SONEPAT/PANIPAT and KARNAL, managed by professionals of a professional company J M BAXI GROUP. We wish them all the success and our support for years to come with a hope that they continue and maintain the commitment levels.

**Aami Patel, R.B Ramnath Lambah & Sons Pvt. Ltd., Panipat**

Located closer to the major cargo hubs north of Delhi, Delhi International Cargo Terminal has fulfilled the long-awaited need for an ICD between Delhi, Haryana and Punjab at NH1. Shipping lines have experienced benefits in terms of cost savings, faster turnaround of equipments and operational efficiency. DICT has continued with flexibility to move across lines of businesses irrespective of client size/market size and has built considerable synergies throughout the operational process, which has helped it to grow faster in geographies. Areas of Haryana, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Western UP and Northern Delhi are in effective proximity and in the right position to reap the advantages of DICT.

**Capt A.K.Kaura, President, NISAA**

Excellent facility to cater reefer trade. Congestion free terminal on main NH1. Strategically located to cater Reefer cargo from Punjab area. Equipped with all modern facilities to handle Reefer containers. Really appreciated.

**Srikant, Branch Manager, Transworld GLS, New Delhi**



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