

APSEZ signs 30-year concession to operate berth No 2 of Haldia Docks

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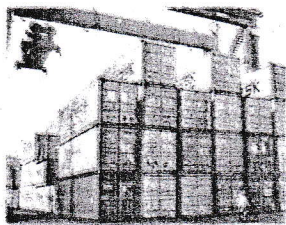
Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd (APSEZ) will invest close to ₹298 crore to mechanise berth No: 2 of Haldia Dock Complex of the Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata, to handle 3.744 million tonnes of dry bulk cargo per annum.

The 30-year concession agreement between Haldia Dock Complex and APSEZ was signed on Thursday.

Adani Ports bagged the contract through competitive bidding and received the letter of award in February, marking its entry into the region.

Mechanisation, upgradation

The mechanisation of the berth will be done on design, build, finance, operate, transfer (DBFOT) basis, said a press statement issued by the port.



“The project is for handling dry bulk cargo by unloading from vessel by mobile harbour crane/unloader, conveying through conveyor system, storage at yard by stacker-cum-reclaimer and loading into wagons through mechanised silo loading system. APSEZ has emerged as the highest bidder by quoting a royalty of ₹75.07/tonne.

Fast evacuation

The concession period is expected to commence from September 2025,” the release said. The project will help in-

crease the cargo handling capacity and ensure fast evacuation of cargo at Haldia Port, besides lowering the cost of handling for port users.

This is expected to lead to direct and indirect employment opportunities with revenue generation of around ₹23 crore per annum for the Haldia Dock Complex.