

Tuticorin Port Goes Digital

Tuticorin CFS Association (TCFSA) & Kale Logistics Sign MoU to create India's first Container Digital Exchange (CODEX).

Mumbai, October 15, 2015: Kale Logistics today announced that it has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Tuticorin CFS Association (TCFSA) to deliver India's first Container Digital Exchange (CODEX), which will automate the container movement at Tuticorin Port and reduce the container dwell times considerably.

As per the MoU, TCFSA and Kale Logistics have agreed to co-operate with a view to provide a Digital Community platform to enable effective management of cargo information & documentation flows such that it eliminates/reduces manual paperwork considerably. This move promises to improve and contribute to the seamless movement of EXIM containers in and out of the Tuticorin Port from/to the Tuticorin based CFS/ICDs. The CODEX platform will electronically connect CFS/ICDs, Transporters, Port authority, Customs, Port terminal Operators and Security forces (Central Industrial Security Force-CISF).

Hailing this as a path breaking and pioneering initiative in enabling ease of business, **and following the honorable Prime Minister's initiative of "Digital India" Mr.S.Anantha Chandra Bose, Chairman, V.O. Chidamabaranar (Tuticorin) Port Trust** said, "Tuticorin is a progressive and prominent port in the region. We have recently expanded the Port Gates and are introducing Toll Gate to enable Seamless access to the port. The Container Digital Exchange is the first of its kind initiative at an Indian Port which promises to reduce the current documentation process from 2 hours to almost 1/4th its time."

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. David Raja, President –TCFSA stated, "We were impressed with the work Kale Logistics has done on Airport cargo handling side for Mumbai Airport and also at other port CFS/ICDs in India and abroad. They completely understand our business and that of our extended logistics value chain. With the CODEX platform, we look forward to better manage multiple document exchange



between our members & trade partners, streamline the processes involved in container movement, track queue issue at port and reduce overall dwell time."

"We are already in the space of developing our first Cargo Community Platform UPLIFT by

Mr. David Raja-President TCFSA (extreme right) signing MoU with Mr. Vineet Malhotra- SVP, Kale Logistics Solutions

once again deliver India's first Container Digital Exchange for the Port User community. Since, we have prominent CFS/ICD system installations in India and other countries, we exactly know what Global Technology practices needs to be followed for a progressive port like Tuticorin." said **Mr. Vineet Malhotra, Senior Vice President- Kale Logistics Solutions**

Container Digital Exchange (CODEX) is an EDI based electronic platform through which communication, information exchange, connectivity and electronic processing of key business transactions/operations can be facilitated between all container stake-holders at the Port and its related logistics value chain.

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About Tuticorin CFS Association (TCFSA).

TCFSA is the association of Container Freight Stations in Tuticorin representing major CFS/ICDs operating at Tuticorin Port. Its main activities include

1. To ensure that TCFSA Members difficulties and grievances are addressed with various Government Agencies
 - a. Future growth of the CFS/ICD industry are adequately discussed with Customs and Port Authorities in the interest of Members
 - b. Industry best practices are shared among Members and implemented for the benefit of the Exim Trade

TCFSA actively works with Government bodies to take up member issues and bring in positive reforms.

About Kale Logistics

Kale Logistics Solutions Private Limited is a leading Global IT solution provider focused on the Logistics Airports and Transportation industry. Its broad solution spectrum ranges from 'Internal Business Automation Systems' to 'Community Solutions' that help various players in the logistics value chain from shipper to consignee to communicate and transact with each other electronically. Kale has been awarded industry accolades for the last six successive years for the innovative solutions for automation in the Logistics Industry.

Kale's solutions help Freight Forwarders, NOVOCC, LCL Consolidators, Shipping Line Agents, Stevedores, Surveyors, Container Freight Stations, Equipment Control Providers, Vessel Charterers, Custom House Agents, 3PL, Warehouse Operators, Transportation Providers, other Logistics Service Users and Airport Cargo Terminal Operators achieve faster growth, standardized processes and operational efficiencies.

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