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MIP LEADS TÜRKİYE'S SMART PORT TRANSFORMATION

Mersin International Port (MIP), Türkiye's largest container port in the Mediterranean, is implementing a fully integrated yard automation system, a first for the country. This investment will meet the region's growing demands, boost capacity, enhance efficiency and strengthen Türkiye's position in global trade.

MIP, a joint venture between PSA International, IFM Investors, and Akfen Holding, has equipped the East Med Hub 2 (EMH2) Project, of which the first phase has been completed and put into service, with a fully integrated yard automation system consisting of four ship-to-shore (STS) quay cranes and 14 fully automated rail-mounted gantry cranes (aRMG).

Türkiye's first fully integrated yard automation system

The 14 fully electric aRMG cranes are integrated with the Terminal Operating System (TOS) and work autonomously with the capability of remote-controlled operation, offering operators a more comfortable and safer working environment in an office setting. Equipped with high precision scanners, cameras, and sensor-based safety systems, these cranes enable high-precision container handling, stacking and transfer operations, reducing waiting times and optimizing yard efficiency making yard operation safer and faster.

Serving mega ships with new STS cranes

With the EMH2, MIP will increase its container handling capacity from 2.6 million TEUs to 3.6 million TEUs. The newly added STS cranes, which have a total height of 97 meters, a reach of 71 meters, a rail span of 30 meters, and a capacity of 65 tons, as well as infrastructure investments, can service two mega ships simultaneously, enabling the port to offer more competitive solutions to its customers. Furthermore, the increased capacity will provide significant speed and cost advantages for regional export and import processes.

MIP General Manager Ajay Kumar Singh commented, "This investment sets a new benchmark for Türkiye's logistics sector. The introduction of yard automation, underscores our commitment to operational excellence, enabling us to deliver world-class efficiency and advance our sustainability goals. With this development, we are making meaningful progress towards becoming a leading logistics node in the Eastern Mediterranean!"

Türkiye's competitiveness in global trade will increase

When completed, the EMH2 project will make a significant contribution to MIP's sustainable growth objectives through its advanced infrastructure, state-of-the-art equipment, and technological capabilities. With the deployment of aRMG cranes, yard productivity is expected to double by June 2026, delivering a substantial enhancement in operational efficiency. The system's fully electric and noise-free operation will minimize environmental impacts with low carbon emissions, while automation across operational processes will further support MIP's vision of becoming the leading logistics hub in the Eastern Mediterranean.

With EMH2 expected to be fully operational by the end of 2026, MIP is poised to become the region's premier logistics hub, connecting Türkiye to the future of global trade.

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ABOUT MERSİN INTERNATIONAL PORT

Mersin International Port Operations Inc. (MIP), a joint venture between Akfen Holding and PSA International, took over T.C.D.D. Mersin Port Operations for a period of 36 years on May 11, 2007. In 2017, Mersin International Port (MIP), whose shareholders include the Australian fund company IFM, is connected by rail and road to industrialized cities in Türkiye such as Ankara, Gaziantep, Kayseri, Kahramanmaraş, and Konya, as well as to neighboring countries such as Syria, Iraq, and the Commonwealth of Independent States. It is one of the main container ports in the Mediterranean region with its transshipment and hinterland connections to the Middle East and the Black Sea. With its extensive hinterland, accessible transportation options, and successful staff, Mersin International Port (MIP) accounts for a significant portion of Türkiye's import and export volume. With its annual total cargo volume and current area, MIP is Türkiye's largest port. You can visit us at www.mersinport.com or follow us on LinkedIn, Instagram, and Facebook.

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