

AECOM secures phase two of Ghana's Tema Port expansion project

AECOM has been awarded phase two of the Tema Port Expansion Project (TPEP) in Ghana, on behalf of Meridian Port Services (MPS), operator of the container terminal. Phase one of terminal three was formally opened for shipping business on 28 June, following successful tests and simulation exercises of the project by MPS.



"The awarding of phase two shows continued faith from our client," said Darrin Green, managing director for civil infrastructure at AECOM. "We look forward to its equally successful delivery in support of MPS," Green comments. Phase two includes project management services for the fourth berth marine and landside works, due for completion by December 2020.

The team is currently overseeing project management and construction supervision services as part of the first phase, including marine, land, and building works packages, as well as project controls, contract administration, construction management, health, safety and security management, and environmental and social performance management.

Once complete, the TPEP will include a new 1.4-km-long quay housing four container berths, container stacking yards, a 4km rubble-mound breakwater, a 19m-deep port access channel, and various supporting port infrastructure and services.

Accommodating the world's biggest container ships

The development will enable the port to accommodate some of the world's biggest container ships, and improve cargo-handling services and capacity. In so doing, it will treble Tema Port's current annual traffic of about one million twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs). The vision is for the port to become a leading maritime hub in West Africa.



MPS is a joint venture between the Ghana Ports and Harbours Authority (GPHA) and Meridian Port Holdings, with Bolloré Transport & Logistics and APM Terminals as the two main shareholders. MPS is executing the project as part of the GPHA masterplan for the development of Tema Port.

The necessary funding for the project has been secured by MPS from the International Finance Corporation (IFC), a member of the World Bank Group, as well as from shareholders. China Harbour Engineering Company (CHEC) is the marine contractor.

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