

Melbourne's Victoria International Container Terminal to complete another expansion phase

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VICT will be able to handle larger vessels once its expansion is complete.

Victoria International Container Terminal (VICT), International Container Terminal Services, Inc.'s (ICTSI) operation at the Port of Melbourne in Australia, is gearing up to meet the challenges of the next year and beyond with the scheduled completion of Phase 3A of its expansion project in December.

The AU\$235 million (US\$155 million) project is being carried out in two phases. Phase 3A will increase the terminal's capacity by 30% to 1.25 million TEUs. It will also extend the quay by 71 meters to 735 meters with the mooring dolphins included and will enhance VICT's quayside operations by allowing two 366-meter vessels to berth simultaneously.

On the landside, three new storage blocks have been added along with 15 new truck lanes, enhancing the terminal's booking system time slot offerings to the market by up to 30% per hour starting in January 2024.

VICT also acquired two ship-to-shore (STS) cranes, six auto container carriers (ACC) and six auto stacking cranes (ASC) as part of Phase 3A. The ACCs and the ASCs have been operational since August, supporting the increased yard capacity. The STS cranes, which have a reach of 22 containers across and are currently the largest port equipment in Australia, arrived in the third quarter of 2023 and will be operational by yearend.

Phase 3B is scheduled to be completed in 2025 and will include the acquisition of another automated STS crane, three ACCs, four ASCs, and the construction of two additional storage blocks.

"The project is a substantial leap forward for VICT. It will redefine the container terminal landscape at the Port of Melbourne and set new industry standards for operational efficiency and capacity. With the expanded capacity and new equipment, VICT will be able to service larger vessels – particularly the neo-Panamax ships with capacities of up to 14,000 TEUs – and introduce economies of scale across the supply chain. All these improvements represent our commitment to delivering the best service to our customers at the Port of Melbourne," said Bruno Porchietto, VICT CEO.