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Tin-can port welcomes largest commercial vessel with 15,000 containers capacity

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LAGOS—TIN-CAN ISLAND Port, TCIP Lagos, yesterday, welcomed a 300 meters long vessel with 15,000 Twenty Equivalent Units, TEUs of containers in a voyage.

The vessel, M.S.C Maureen is considered the largest vessel to have berth at the Lagos pilotage district, the closest being a 275 meters long vessel.

The Port Manager, Tin-can Island Port, Buba Jubril, who spoke at the quay, hailed the successful berthing of M.S.C Maureen (Panama), describing the berthing as a ground breaking achievement at the TCIP.

The Port Manager noted that obvious challenges have not, however, stopped the Port from doing its day to day operations excellently.

Also at the quay, the Deputy Comptroller of Enforcement, TCIP Customs Command, Apapa, Lagos, G. Aliu said that at the Customs, they see the development as an affirmation of the readily available at the Port, which is a manifestation of efficiency and indeed a big revenue earner for the country.

"This container carrier can carry about 15,000 TEU of containers and this portends more revenue and more development for the nation."

Similarly, the TCIP Harbour Master, Capt. Ibrahim Habib said, with the arrival of M.S.C

Maureen, "We have been able to maximize the potential of our channels, because before now, we had only berthed a vessel with 275 metres length and now 300 meters long. With this achievement, we are gradually pushing the limits and the vessel has helped to increase the investors confidence in our competencies and will surely attract more economic values."

Pilot Emmanuel Samaila, who spoke on behalf of other pilots said,

it was a great achievement to bring a length of 300 meters to TCIP, adding that this marks double of the type of vessels that usually call at the Port.

In his speech, Managing Director of M.S.C Nigeria Limited, Mr. Andrew Lynch said it was a great day which they have been working towards and had several simulations and meetings among stakeholders, adding that it would bring greater benefit to Lagos importers and exporters to have larger container vessels in ward and would make the Port more competitive.