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## Viraj Group commences Vaishno Container Terminal, ICD at Tarapur

Invests Rs. 90 crore to provide world class logistics facilities

MUMBAI : Viraj Profiles Ltd, the S L B leader in stainless steel long products, after its successful operations at CPSE, Nhava Sheva has extended its logistics arm by setting up its Inland Container Depot – Vaishno Container Terminal at Tarapur, Maharashtra.

Set up at an investment of Rs 90 crores, the Inland Container Depot (ICD) is located at Tarapur-Belser, in Thane district, at a distance of 150 kms from the Nhava Sheva Terminals and 128 kms from Mumbai Port Terminal, with a travel time of 4-5 hrs, ensuring smooth transportation between ICD to Gateway Ports.

The facility was inaugurated by Shri V S Krishnan, IBS, Chief Commissioner of Central Excise, Service Tax and Customs.



Shri V S Krishnan, IBS, Chief Commissioner of Central Excise, Service Tax and Customs, inaugurating the ICD. Also seen Shri Shree Kachhar.

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Speaking on the inauguration, Mr. Neeraj R Kachhar, Chairman and Managing Director, Viraj Profiles Ltd., said, "Being associated with manufacturing for a long time, we realise how important it is for businesses to focus on their core activities and not get distracted by routine tasks, which can be very time consuming and expensive. As businesses get more globalized, competitiveness is key. The Vaishno Container Terminal, at Tarapur providing with an initial investment of Rs 90 crores. Our mission is to provide one stop shop in logistics and deliver operational excellence to the manufacturing units in and around the area. Providing a host of benefits like reduced customs clearance time, transportation and logistics cost, demurrage and pilferage clubbed with state of the art equipment and trained manpower, the facility is one of the most advanced in the country. We are quite optimistic about the need for more such facilities across the country and would be exploring some more locations to open new container terminals, demonstrating our commitment to the sunrise industry."

Addressing the function, Capt. Kapil Anand, President, Vaishno Container Terminal welcoming the guests said "The Vaishno Container Terminal connected by rail and road with Nhava Sheva Terminals has paved yard of 11.4 acres for container stacking, handling up to 5000 TEUs per month, with adequate warehousing space of 22000 sq.ft."

## Vaishno Container Terminal Highlights

Connected by rail and road with the Nhava Sheva Terminals, the Vaishno Container Terminal has paved yard of 11.4 acres for container stacking, handling up to 5000 TEUs per month, with adequate warehousing space of 22000 sq.ft for Import/Export, LCL/PCL warehousing, as per requirement. State of the art container/cargo handling equipment, trained manpower and its close proximity to the gateway ports are some of the key points which will contribute towards the success of the ICD. Maintenance and repair (M&R) facilities are available for all kinds of repairing, cleaning and sweeping, along with world class safety and security systems.

## ICD Benefits

The western highway being of India's busiest industrial corridors, facilities providing services resulting in efficiency

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Shri V S Krishnan, IBS, Chief Commissioner of Central Excise, Service Tax and Customs and Mr. Neeraj R Kachhar, CMD, Viraj Profiles Ltd.

and reduced costs are a big boon, providing much needed competitive advantage to businesses. The Vaishno Container Terminal apart from its proximity to Mumbai Port Terminal and Nhava Sheva Terminal, provides customs clearance facility near the centre of production and consumption, reducing the clearance time considerably and doing away with the necessity of customs at gateway ports. Reduced demurrage, pilferage and logistics cost, add to the facilities attraction for commercial units. Import containers are de-stuffed and can be retained at the depot, reducing empty container repositioning cost to zero. Export containers can be provided for dock stuffing/factory stuffing, reducing empty container transportation cost.

## About Viraj Profiles Ltd

Established in 1998, the S L B Viraj Profiles Ltd, is a global player in stainless steel products. It is the second largest manufacturer of stainless steel long products in the world and is ranked number one in stainless steel flanges. With a customer base of 1200 spanning across 7 countries and 6 continents, installed capacity in excess of 500,000 TPA and employee strength of 9000, the company is one of the fastest growing business houses of the country.

The company manufactures a range of stainless steel products ranging from wire rods and wires, to fasteners, bright bars, profiles and flanges. It's deep commitment to quality has earned it many accolades over the years including the SKIPE-SKE Highest Exporter Award in 2010.