

SOHAR Port and Freezone joins the International Port Community Systems Association



SOHAR Port and Freezone, a 50-50 joint venture between Asyad Group and the Port of Rotterdam, one of the world's fastest-growing port and freezone developments, proudly announces its membership of the International Port Community Systems Association (IPCSA).

Through this membership, SOHAR Port and Freezone will support the introduction of a new Port Community System (PCS) that will link the country's main ports, including Sohar, Salalah, and Duqm, as well as major airports and special economic zones.

This global network unites logistics leaders committed to sharing best practices, advancing industry developments, and enhancing digital information systems for collective growth.

Joining IPSCA marks a significant step towards strengthening SOHAR's role in global trade flows and intensifying its contributions to national and regional digitalization efforts. By integrating advanced logistics solutions, SOHAR aims to solidify its position as a pivotal hub in the international supply chain.

Emile Hoogsteden, Chief Executive Officer of SOHAR Port, stated, "Implementing a national-level Port Community System will not only enhance



SOHAR's logistical capabilities, reduce costs, and boost competitiveness, but it will also significantly contribute to Oman's Vision 2040. An interconnected port network, stimulated by IPCSA, will greatly support Oman's national goals of achieving a diversified economy, expanding skill development opportunities, and fostering digital solutions that drive industry growth. We also look forward to contributing our expertise in port operations as an IPCSA member."

IPCSA Chairman Javier Gallardo welcomed SOHAR, saying, "We are delighted to share our insights on Port Community Systems with SOHAR, enabling them to establish a new era of

electronic communications in Oman. These sophisticated PCS systems are essential for ports to operate efficiently at scale, a critical factor in keeping pace with the evolving demands of maritime logistics."

Nico De Cauwer, Secretary General of IPCSA, added: "Members of IPCSA are always pleased to share their experiences and expertise in order to promote and support the development of Port Community Systems and Single Window operations worldwide. Our aim is to eliminate bottlenecks and improve the speed and efficiency of cargo flows. We welcome SOHAR as a valued member of the IPCSA family."

With a strong track record in executing large scale projects and providing valuable insights into growth strategies and adaptability techniques SOHAR Port and Freezone's membership in IPCSA marks a crucial advancement in enhancing Oman's port operations. This partnership promises to elevate SOHAR's capabilities through cutting-edge logistics technologies and streamlined maritime communications positioning SOHAR Port and Freezone to lead in global trade and drive economic diversification in Oman.



About IPCSA

IPCSA is an international association of Sea and Air Port Community System operators, sea and air port authorities and Single Window operators that is recognised across the globe for providing advice and guidance on the electronic exchange of information across borders and throughout the whole supply chain.

The association has members from across the globe who handle the exchange of information for Business to Business, Government to Business and Government to Government processes and facilitate the smooth cross-border movement of goods. This equates to the electronic exchange of information relating to more than 500 million TEU movements and 10 billion tonnes of cargo for air, sea and land transport – estimated to be in excess of 50 billion million exchanges every year.

IPCSA focuses on supporting and facilitating systems and innovations for Port Community System members and users, and promoting the use of international data standards in sea and air ports, at border crossings and via Single Window systems around the world. IPCSA is a recognised NGO with consultative status at UNECOSOC and IMO.

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