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MEGA CONTAINER LOGISTICS CENTRE SET TO TAKE ON FREIGHT TASK



Victoria Dock.

[Westgate Ports](#) has opened an ambitious \$80 million container logistics centre to further boost freight efficiency and facilitate rail container movements in Victoria.

The company transformed a 21-hectare site on the [Port of Melbourne](#) through a major redevelopment project to build the world-class facility that provides a 'one-stop-shop' for all container-related and break-bulk services.

Opened by Victorian Ports Minister Tim Pallas, the centre at Victoria Dock is set to service freight forwarders, custom brokers and the general business community by speeding up both exports and imports.

The port's parent company [Salta Group](#) said the warehouse and logistics centre was the first of its kind to operate without paper across the whole supply chain from the port to customers.

Salta Group executive chairman Sam Tarascio said the smooth flow of information would translate into the smooth flow of freight.

"It represents the first stage of our long-term plan that will ease pressure on inner-city roads, improve safety and reduce carbon emissions and noise," Mr Tarascio said.

The centre is located only 500 metres from the entry point to the international terminals, comprising a 17,500-sqm warehouse, a 50,000-sqm container hardstand storage area plus a separate 5,400-sqm warehouse with a dual-gauge rail terminal.

With the new facility, Victoria Dock is expected to become a vital hub between port operations and the surrounding freight catchment areas.

Westgate Ports also plans to set up inland ports in the surrounding areas that will be linked via a mix of existing and ungraded road transport and rail infrastructure, as well as through hubs in regional Victoria and interstate.

"Our plan is to run both high-productivity vehicles and rail shuttles between the port and inland hubs to ensure the Port of Melbourne remains Australia's most pre-eminent port," Mr Tarascio said.

"Our task is to manage the projected increase in freight volume by working with the Government to establish dedicated rail and road freight corridors for the movement of freight between the hubs."

Westgate Ports' chief executive Michael Haines said the company's paperless operation would greatly lift accuracy and timeliness of delivery, by enabling businesses to pinpoint the location and status of containers and trucks in real time.

Mr Haines said the company would also roll out new high-productivity vehicles to carry up to six containers during off-peak hours, in order to cut the number of trucks on the road and minimise congestion.

He added as volumes built, rail would eventually take up a much bigger role in moving freight.

"Our vision is in line with the Victorian Government's objective to get more containerised freight on rail to and from the Port of Melbourne."

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