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Tideworks lands APL deal

Tideworks Technology has secured another customer in the US for its Intermodal Pro (IPro) terminal operating system.

APL will install IPro at its new intermodal terminal in Joliet, Il-

linois, which is being built on a 43-acre site at the CentrePoint Intermodal Centre, close to Union Pacific's Global IV terminal and BNSF's Logistics Park (see *WorldCargo News* July 2011, p13).

APL has opted for a comprehensive suite of Tideworks applications, including IPro, Traffic Control (equipment control and electronic job dispatching), Digital Bridge (real time performance monitoring) and the Gate Vision gate operating system with OCR. Tideworks is also providing design and consultancy services for the new gate facility.

There is keen competition in

the US intermodal TOS market between Tideworks, Navis and RMI and this is an important win for Tideworks. "Given the strategic nature of this site, it was critical we select a partner with intermodal project experience and a solution that can grow and scale with our operations," said Ronnie Armstrong, director of operations for APL's central region.

"Tideworks' comprehensive TOS solution directly addresses our needs for this new facility, and we look forward to partnering closely with the Tideworks team in the coming months," he said.

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Changsha rail freight station on stream

Changsha, the capital of China's south-central Hunan province, has officially opened its new rail freight station in the Changsha Jinxia Economic Development Zone.

The Xinhua news agency said the 2 km² facility will have an annual handling capacity of 5mt by 2015, rising to 20mt by 2020. It features five lines – two container loading and unloading lines, two full-load railcar lines and one heavy cargo line.

The new facility will link to the Changsha Xianing port area

and function as a logistics centre composed of rail, highway and shipping facilities.

The Jinxia Customs Bonded Centre is designed to become the largest bonded logistics base and a key international logistics transshipment hub in central China in three to five years, Xinhua said.

China's railways transported 2.273 bt of goods from January to July, up 7.9% year-on-year, the Railway Ministry said. July's freight volume rose 6% to 326mt.