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XICT Welcomes New European Service of MSC

[8 July 2008 – Hong Kong] – On 3 July, Xiamen International Container Terminals (XICT) welcomed the maiden call of the MSC Pina, marking the commencement of the Silk service – MSC’s third European service to call at XICT.

Composed of ten 9,178-TEU container vessels, the Silk service will boost MSC’s shipping capacity to better meet the demands of booming trade between Southeast China and Europe.

Congratulating the successful inaugural voyage the new service, Raymond Chan, General Manager of XICT, commented, “Silk is the third service that MSC has launched at XICT. As such, it shows MSC’s confidence in our terminal facilities and services. With a quay length of 1,083 metres and a depth alongside of 17.5 metres, XICT is one of the best-equipped terminals in Southeast China.”

SILK ships call at XICT every Thursday and follow a port rotation of Antwerp, Jebel Ali, Singapore, Hong Kong, Xingang, Ningbo, Shanghai, Xiamen, Hong Kong, Chiwan, Singapore, Salalah, Oman, Valencia, Felixstowe, Rotterdam and Antwerp.

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The MSC Pina was the first vessel of MSC's Silk service to call at XICT

Notes to Editors:

Xiamen International Container Terminals (XICT) coastal port is a joint venture between Hutchison Delta Ports (HDP) and Xiamen Haicang Port Company situated at Haicang in the Xiamen Special Economic Zone in Fujian. It has been in operation since 1997 and is part of the HDP network which comprises three coastal and three river ports in Southern China.

XICT is a member of the Hutchison Port Holdings (HPH) Group, a subsidiary of the multinational conglomerate Hutchison Whampoa Limited (HWL). HPH is the world's leading port investor, developer and operator with interests in 24 countries throughout Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Europe, the Americas and Australasia. Today, HPH operates in 47 ports and owns a number of transportation-related service companies.