



## Odisha's first ever ICD is all set to operate in April end

# Apeejay Group establishes second integrated Logistic Park at Kalinga Nagar

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**APEEJAY** Infralogistics Private Limited, (AILPL) a group company of Kolkata based APEEJAY group is all set to operate their second Internal Container Depot at Kalinga Nagar in Odisha state. AILPL presently running their Haldia CFS in successful note and also involved in Project cargo Management and Warehouse Management.

AILPL, a joint venture between Apeejay Surrendra Group and UK based Eredene Capital PLC, creating industry infrastructure projects for facilitating integrated logistics business facility (an integrated logistics park with CFS & ICD along with Exim, Bonded and Domestic Warehouse). The company provides multi-functional facilities for handling, storage and ancillary support services for trade facilitation infrastructure for Exim and Domestic Trade under one roof.

In a chat with the Apeejay Surrendra group Chairman Mr. Karan Paul, who was awarded 'Karmaveer Puraskar 2012 award recently, said AILPL has plenty of expansion plans for future to become largest player in integrated logistic industry in East India. The Kalinga Nagar Logistic park was established with this motive and keeping with the interest of logistics solution for exporters and industries in those areas.

"The objective of the project is to convert our aspirations of an integrated logistics park into a reality and roll out its Business Operations at strategically suitable locations" Mr. Karan Paul revealed.

Speaking to Exim India in an interview, Mr. Rajiv Ranjan Kumar, Chief Operating Officer of AILPL said that Apeejay group have established all infrastructure facilities at Kalinga Nagar, which is also the first ever ICD for Odisha state. Our main aim is a 'complete logistic solutions for customers he said and added that the ICD, is the part of their Integrated Logistic Park, which was established in 30 acre area.



**Mr Karan Paul (he is on board of his vessel), Chairman of Apeejay Surrendra Group**



**Mr Rajiv Ranjan Kumar, COO, AILPL**



Mr. Rajiv said that the Logistic park is very close to Sukinda Rail head (2 kilo metre distance from ICD) at Jajpur District of Orissa state.

Mr. Rajiv explained that the region of Kalinganagar ( Located in very close Proximity to Sukinda Mining Area) has abundant Chromite Ore, as 97% of country's reserves available in this area along with good reserve of Iron & Coal Ore in adjoining area like Daitari, Joda, Barbil, Talcher & Anugul in State of Odisha have multiple mining & various Large and Medium Industrial Projects based on Power, Steel, Ferrochrome & others activities taking place. This Industrial Cluster at present is responsible for generating EXIM Containerized Cargo to the tune of a volume of 3000 to 4000 Teus per month which is expected to grow in a span of years or two to + 6000 Teus besides good volume of Bulk & Break Bulk cargo. "We are expecting initially from Kalinga Nagar Facility to handle good share of this Traffic , establishing good connectivity with all Major Gateway Ports in Eastern India & our ICD Facility." Mr. Rajiv disclosed.

"Besides regular Mining / Mineral exploration activities, in

recent past this region had attracted huge investments in Steel & Power along with other ancillary Industry Segments resulting generation of large Volumes of Imports and as well as exports Cargoes. We will utilize those opportunities to the best of its capacity, which will attribute to further infusion of growth to these existing industry and help in bringing in more participation in different segments & sectors in whole, said Mr. Rajiv and added that Kalinga Nagar ICD is most modernized one and it will be more beneficial to the exporters in the region.

Though the Kalinganagar - ICD is located in very close Proximity to Dhamra & Paradip Ports in Odisha at present due to non-availability of adequate terminal facilities to handle container traffic adding to it as very few Shipping Lines operating their containerized vessel operations from these ports much of the Container Traffic will be Transshipped through other major Ports Container Terminal in Eastern Region where mainline ship calling rotations are more, Mr. Rajiv said.

Mr. Rajiv revealed during this interview session plans under progressive stage to establish Rail connectivity from Kalinga Nagar Logistic Park

soon to attach ICD with the Major Gateway Ports in this region handling containerized Traffic and other mainline rail heads & freight stations & corridors, " as already this location is very well connected through multiple way road connectivity with National Highway 200 , 215 & 5 is passing in close proximity from different sides and rail connectivity will be of more help which will bring large economies of scale along with service deliverables in truly multimodal way between this ICD & major Ports in Eastern India,

Talking on their Haldia Container Freight Station, Mr. Rajiv said this was established in a large 90 acres area with all infrastructural facilities. Bonded and non bonded warehouse, paved container yard for box storage, clean and dust proof warehouse for both domestic and international movement and every facility what the client needed, we take care of, said Mr. Rajiv.

"It is an integrated approach to Create and Develop support facilities like parking yards, Business centers, Office parks, Food courts, weighbridges, security services etc, capable of providing an environment of "complete" logistics support to the customers", he explained.

Mr. Malaya Kumar Bal, Haldia CFS Manager, who was also present during the interview said that since the Kalinga Nagar ICD is situated in surroundings of multiple no of industrial clusters having potentiality of generating huge containerized cargo in near future, the whole state of Odisha will benefit economically from such unique & first of it's kind facilities in this region.

Apeejay group owns many industries that includes shipping, tea and hospitality, was established in 1910. The Shipping Company of the group was established in the year 1948, owns six ships that includes 71000 DWT geared panamax, carrying bulk cargoes from port to port in major trade lane in Globe as well as in Indian coast line.