

Apeejay opens logistics park in Haldia

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Kolkata, Oct 9: Apeejay Infralogistics Private Limited (AILPL), a 50:50 JV of Apeejay Surrendra Group and UK based *Eredene Capital PLC*, has thrown open the phase-1 of Haldia Logistics Park on 45 acres, which houses a container freight station (CFS) on 24 acres entailing a Rs 95 crore investment.

The CFS, which will handle 4,000 containers at a time, also includes a 60,000 sq feet exim bonded warehouse, 80,000 sq feet domestic warehouse, 240,000 sq feet open storage and project cargo and 30,000 sq ft of other utilities. The logistics park will provide one stop facility

for all dry exim cargo. The park has a total of 90 acres and has so far utilized half of it, according to an Apeejay release.

Apeejay Surrendra Group chairman Karan Paul said, the project was a very crucial one since it will help lighten the burden and increase the capacity of the Haldia Port. "I am confident that the first of its kind integrated Park will boost trade not only in Bengal but the entire eastern region," he said.

Apeejay Infralogistics is also ready to start operation of its Kalinganagar's Logistics Park in December this year. The facilities at Kalinganagar under phase-1 will include 1,20,000 sq ft for domestic

and contract warehousing and 1,75,000 sq ft for open storage and project cargo. The Kalinganagar complex will have a capacity to handle over 2,500 containers for exim and will have covered warehouse of over 2,50,000 sq ft in addition to hospitality, commercial and retail space. The 30 acre Kalinganagar Logistics Park is being set up with an initial operational area of 16 acres covering 10 acres for inland container depot to handle 1500 EXIM containers and 22,600 sq ft of bonded warehouse, the Apeejay release said. The company will invest Rs 25 crore in the Kalinganagar project, an Apeejay official said.