New Savannah Georgia Transload Facility Goes Operational

New Savannah transloading facility focused on bulk liquid handling and railcar transloading is helping maritime growth through the Savannah Port. Handling hazardous and non hazardous liquid commodities, Cargo Logistics International’s Savannah facility has positioned itself in a growing market less than 1 mile from the Port of Savannah.

SAVANNAH, Ga. (PRWEB) April 24, 2019 -- Cargo Logistics International has announced the opening of an advanced rail transloading facility in Savannah, GA. The facility is directly serviced by Norfolk Southern and was developed in association with an industry leader in the handling and storage of bulk liquid products. The facility went fully operational on January 2, 2019 and is designed for bulk liquid transloading with a direct emphasis on servicing the Pine Chemical Industry market.

The Pine Chemical Industry directly contributes to the U.S. economy with over $1.92 billion in shipments while covering more than 19 states and employing over 1900 workers, as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and American Chemistry Council. Pine Chemicals are essential components in paints, coatings, adhesives, and sealants, surfactants, printing ink, and other chemical additives. The industry supports $11.2 billion in downstream economic output and over 18,700 workers in downstream customer industries. “The growing need in the Southeast to handle the increased volume of Pine Chemical imports and exports is the main reason we chose Savannah for our transloading facility,” states Chad Rundle, CEO of Cargo Logistics International. Rundle added, “Our Savannah facility is equipped to handle a vast array of chemicals and bulk liquids with the utmost focus on both service and safety.” Transloading services offered include Railcar to Flexitank/ISO Tanks/Tanker Truck and reverse transloading, with company-owned dedicated bulk liquid chassis and trucks for haulage between transloading and the Savannah port.

The Savannah port continues to set records in growth, according to numbers released by the Ports Authority at the end of 2018. In a recent press release, Griff Lynch, the Ports Authority Executive Director, reported that a strong economy and an expansion of the port’s rail capacity have contributed to the area’s continued growth despite the concerns surrounding global trade disputes. Additionally, the Census Bureau has reported steady growth over the past decade specifically in Pine Chemical exports. According to local industry officials, they are experiencing an increased demand for more Southeastern facilities to transload bulk liquids, mainly due to the continued expansion of the Savannah Port. Cargo Logistics International’s transloading facility is helping to meet this demand and is located less than 1 mile from the Port of Savannah. According to Kerri Kemp, Cargo Logistics International’s Chief Operating Officer, “Our strategic location reduces drayage times to and from the port, along with increased efficiency in railcar turnaround time, reduces bottom-line costs for our clients.”

Georgia’s ports are vital in the continued momentum in growth for the U.S. Southeastern economies. The addition of such a specialized bulk liquid rail transloading facility is expected to contribute to further maritime growth through the Savannah area. According to Kemp, “The increased shipping challenges that exporters face today, such as driver shortages nationwide and congestion/capacity issues for liquid transloading in Houston and other Gulf ports, have made the Savannah port an ideal alternative for shippers. Due to the competitive pricing of Savannah’s rail and ocean freight services, we now have products being railed in for transloading from as far away as Canada and Texas. In addition, we’ve found our prompt transloading service and the varied carrier options out of the Savannah port are granting better options to shippers than previously routed cargo via the Gulf or the North East.”
The Cargo Logistics International Savannah transloading facility has an 18-railcar capacity on site with 36 additional railcar holding capacity with Norfolk Southern coupled with a dedicated bulk liquid truck fleet and company-owned bulk liquid chassis. “Given the top five US Pine Chemical Facility states are Georgia, South Carolina, Louisiana, Florida, and Arkansas, all located in such proximity of the Savannah Port, Cargo Logistics International is proud to have chosen Savannah and the GA Port as it’s home for our chemical transloading facility,” states Rundle, “We feel our facility compliments the ongoing rail expansion efforts by the GA Ports Authority, offering additional rail transloading services for both imports and exports in an area where transloading capacity had previously reached its limits. Business in the southeastern states is growing and we are here to help ensure it continues.”

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