

Suape: The jewel of the economy of Pernambuco

Suape Port and Industrial Complex was installed in 1978 in the State of Pernambuco, Northeast Brazil. State Law No. 7,763 created the company SUAPE – Port and Industrial Complex, to administer the implantation of the industrial district, the development of works and the exploration of port activities. In 1983, the Port of Suape started to operate through the alcohol handling by Petrobras, which used the newly inaugurated Liquid Bulks Pier, the PGL - 1.

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In 2016, the Complex received more than R\$ 187 million in private investments, which generated more than 300 new jobs. In contrast to the crisis affecting several sectors of the country, the Port of Suape closed the year 2016, commemorating the installation of new structuring projects such as the new Agrovía Sugar Terminal of Odebrecht Transport, which began operations in December last year and now have the permission to handle another grains.

Also in 2016, besides the installation of new projects, there was also a reinforcement in those already established in Suape, as the company Bemis, the world leader in packaging, which inaugurated the expansion of its factory in the Complex. With the expansion of 8 thousand square meters of built area, the company has generated more than 140 jobs for the local community and expects to double the productive capacity of rigid packaging, such as margarine jars, yogurts, sweets and ice creams.

In February 2017, the Governor of Pernambuco, Paulo Câmara, signed the purchase and sale agreement for the land acquired by the Aché Laboratory Group. The installation of the unit was announced in 2016 and is the largest private investment in recent years in Pernambuco. Aché Group will invest R\$ 500 million in the construction of a medicine's factory and a distribution center, generating 500 direct jobs and 2,500 indirect jobs. The company plans to start levelling works in October this year. The civil construction works of the project must be started in February 2018, and it will take 10 months. The plant's operations must begin in 2019, after Anvisa's licenses have been obtained.

The result is that Suape is already ranked 5th among public ports in general cargo handling. In 2016 Suape reached 22.7 million tons and a 15% growth, the highest among terminals in its category. This year, the port has also registered the highest cargo growth rate percentage among the five largest Brazilian public ports. In the first quarter, the cargo handling grew 12%, registering 5.3 million tons, against 4.8 million in 2016. The Complex had already registered the highest percentage change in the year 2016, when it had an increase of 15% in comparison to the previous year.

The reasons that make the port something viable for domestic and foreign investors are countless. The Port of Suape presents great differentials from the other public ports, that put it in a prominent position in the North and Northeast regions of Brazil .

Suape is a sheltered port, with calm waters, which operates during the 365 days of the year, 24 hours a day, without tide restrictions or climatic conditions. The Suape Port is connected to more than 160 ports in the world by the main sea shipping routes. With direct lines to the countries of Europe, South America and North, is responsible for the distribution of cargo to all continents.

With a privileged location in the Northeast, Suape is within 800 km of seven of the nine capitals of the Northeast (90% of GDP); 12 airports, of which six are international and 12 are national, and it represents 46 million inhabitants. In full growth and expansion, experts estimate that the Port of Suape will be the great hub port of South America, being a center of attraction of large lines of megacarriers (large operators and worldwide shipowners of regular lines).

The Suape Port and Industrial Complex has more than 100 companies installed and / or in the process of implementing in its 13.5 thousand hectares territory. These ventures total more than R\$ 50 billion in private investments, employing a total of 20 thousand workers directly.

Among the main structuring companies of Suape there are Abreu e Lima Refinery, Suape Petrochemicals, Atlântico Sul and Vard Promar shipyards, Mossi & Ghisolfi, Bunge Moinho and Alimentos, GRI Towers, GRI Flanges and LM Wind Power, in addition to Termopernambuco and Suape Energia, representing the energy generation sector.

All investments in Suape Port and Industrial Complex are in line with a policy of social and environmental sustainability in the region. Starting with the Ecological Preservation Zone (ZPEC), which occupies 59% of the 13,500 hectares of the Complex. To intensify sustainable practices, the management of the Suape Port and Industrial Complex created, in 2015, the Environment and Sustainability Board, whose mission is to innovate actions in the socio-environmental area, aiming at an increasingly sustainable present and future.

In 2016, Suape Port and Industrial Complex invested in technology, safety and training to intensify the environmental monitoring of the port and adjacent areas. The result of these actions was the 4th place ranking in the Environmental Performance Index (IDA), which is evaluated semiannually by the National Agency for Waterway Transportation (Antaq). Among the 30 Brazilian ports evaluated by the index, Suape is the one with the best classification among the ports of the North / Northeast of the country. In 2016 the score reached 88.17% (out of a total of 100 points). The 23.76% increase in the score was due to the implementation of a series of actions, such as environmental monitoring.

Suape Complex develops environmental restoration actions (implantation and maintenance) of the whole territory, which allocates 59% of its area for environmental preservation, according to the 2030 Master Plan. These are areas of *mangrove*, *restinga* and Atlantic forest preserved or in recovery that are part of the Ecological Preservation Zone.

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New Projects

Suape has two projects under the command of the Special Secretariat of Ports (SEP), of the Federal Government, which await the start of the bids (these processes are within the Logistics Investment Plan - PIL). The entire process is conducted by the Special Secretariat of Ports. Suape participates in the analysis of technical feasibility studies in conjunction with SEP. Among the priority projects are the creation of a new Container Terminal (the second to be installed in the Port of Suape, to be called Tecon II) and a Truck Center.

The new container terminal, the second one to be implanted at Suape's Port, will be installed in an area with a 900 meter pier (with two mooring berths) and with a 250.000m² retroarea, including the possibility of expansion. The terminal will have a planned capacity to manage between 1 and 1.2 million TEUs a year. Added to Suape's New Container Terminal's current capacity, the port will be able to manage 1.7 million TEUs/year. The predicted investment is R\$ 1 billion, which will be invested in the construction of mooring berths and piers, dredging, equipment installation and a retroarea.

The update of the Technical, Economic and Financial Feasibility Studies (EVTEFs) of the second container terminal (Tecon 2) is already in process. The Port of Suape approved on May 30th this year the hiring of the consulting firm Ceres Financial Intelligence, which is already in the field doing area knowledge, analyzing all the documents and holding meetings of approach with the teams of Suape. After updating and approving EVTEFs, Suape must hold a public hearing by the end of the year. If everything happens within the deadlines, the Tecon 2 bidding should happen in the first half of 2018.

The Truck Center at the Suape Industrial Port Complex is close to being deployed. The state administration has published in the Official State Journal this month the Public Call Notice to accredit the companies interested in exploring the new space. The truck drivers will have a place with 500 static vacancies and infrastructure necessary to wait the time to begin unloading and loading of the cargo coming from the terminals located in the port.

The companies interested should send an application to the address of the headquarters of Suape, located on Highway PE-60, Km 10, Engenho Massangana, Ipojuca, CEP 55.590-000 - Business Port of Suape - Governador Eduardo Campos. The public call closes on September 29.

The edict, regulation and all documents related to the implementation of the truck center are available in the official website (www.suape.pe.gov.br). The agreement of adhesion will have validity of 15 years, being able to be renewed by successive periods, since it is not a model of concession. The contractor will have the term of 12 months to implant the truck center. The accredited companies must offer the following services of support to the driver: toilets and clothes of free use; restaurant and snack bar; emergency medical care; rest and living area; and repair of trucks.

The Truck Center installation will discipline and regulate the cargo transportation vehicles that access the port area. Daily, the port receives about 2 thousand trucks, reaching approximately 2,5 thousand in peak days. "With the completion of this project, we will avoid the irregular parking in the access roads to the terminals, as well as minimize the idle periods of loading and unloading, generating logistics benefits," said Marcos Baptista, president of Suape Port Industrial Complex.

The 500 static spots can be divided into two areas, close or not, if they are located within an area up to two kilometers from the boundary of the Suape Complex. After installation of the Screening and Parking Lot, all trucks that access to Porto must be previously scheduled and screened. The sorting will comprise the reception services, plate reading, online interconnection with the Suape logistics systems and the terminals, orientation of the parking place and subsequent dispatch of the truck as the destination terminal is released.