

Profile of Business Delegation



Freeport & Logistics Event

21st - 23rd
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Mauritius Freeport : Runner-Up Worldwide and First in Africa for Global Free Zone of the Year 2021



THE MAURITIUS FREEPORT

The Mauritius Freeport was set up in 1992 with the objective of promoting Mauritius as a regional trading and logistics hub. At its humble beginning, the Freeport provided basic dry warehousing services of 5,000 m². Additionally, only “entrepot trade” was captured at the time with trade value and volume standing at MUR 715 million and 20,000 tons respectively.

Over the years, it has progressively evolved with specialized infrastructure being developed. Today 60 ha of land has already been declared with Freeport status based at the airport, port and Riche Terre. The Freeport infrastructure has reached over 400,000 m² of built-up area on 46 Ha of land comprising of modern warehousing facilities, processing units, cold rooms, offices conforming to stringent international norms and standards.



The Mauritius Freeport has won the following award categories from the Annual Global Free Zones of the Year 2021 published by the fDi intelligence magazine (Financial Times) on 14th October 2021:

fDi's Global Free Zones of the Year 2021
— Top 10 zones globally

Rank	Freezone	Country
1	DMCC	UAE
2	Mauritius Freeport	Mauritius
3	Dalian Free Trade Zone	China
4	Waigaoqiao Free Trade Zone	China
5	Katowice Special Economic Zone	Poland
6	Łódź Special Economic Zone	Poland
7	Ajman Free Zone	UAE
8	Kaliningrad Special Economic Zone	Russia
9	Coyol Free Zone	Costa Rica
10	West of England	UK



This prestigious international ranking (Runner-up worldwide and No. 1 in Africa) confirms the momentum of the Freeport and Logistics sector followed by the global rankings of 2018 (8th) and 2020 (9th). In addition, this recognition further strengthens the competitive positioning of the Mauritius Freeport platform for the Eastern and Southern African region.

The high-quality service offerings provided by the freeport stakeholders, after nearly 30 years' of existence, have contributed considerably towards shaping up the ideal logistics and value addition platform between Africa, Europe and Asia.

FREEPORT AND LOGISTICS EVENT (21ST - 25TH FEBRUARY 2022)

During the World Expo 2020, the Economic Development Board (EDB) is organizing a dedicated event on Freeport and Logistics in February 2022 to symbolize the 30th anniversary of the Freeport since its inception in 1992.

The event will be organized by the EDB Freeport Cluster, under the banner of the Mauritius Pavilion, and in collaboration with Mauritius Freeport Authority (MPA), Cargo Handling Corporation Ltd (CHCL), Airports of Mauritius Ltd (AML), Freeport Developers and Freeport Operators Association, to showcase Mauritius as an ideal logistics, distribution and value addition platform between Asia and Africa.

This event will help the Freeport stakeholders to leverage on the recent rankings of the Mauritius Freeport (Runner-Up Worldwide and No. 1 in Africa) in the Global Free Zones of the Year Awards (2021) by the fDi intelligence magazine, a specialist division of the Financial Times.

The Mauritian delegation will be led by the Hon. Soodesh Callichurn, Minister of Commerce and Consumer Protection on 21st February 2022. His Excellency, Mr. Showkutally Soodhun (GCSK), Ambassador of the Republic of Mauritius to the U.A.E & Deputy Commissioner General for the Mauritius Pavilion and the Chairman of the EDB, Mr. Hemraj Ramnial CSK, will also be part of the delegation.

BUSINESS DELEGATION

- ◆ Ministry of Commerce and Consumer Protection
- ◆ General Consulate of the Republic of Mauritius in Dubai
- ◆ Economic Development Board of Mauritius
- ◆ Mauritius Port Authority
- ◆ State Trading Corporation
- ◆ Airports of Mauritius
- ◆ Cargo Handling Corporation Limited

- ◆ Mauritius Freeport Development Ltd
- ◆ Freeport Operations (Mauritius) Ltd
- ◆ Mauri-China Freezone Development Ltd
- ◆ Unity Logistics Ltd
- ◆ Les Moulins de la Cité Ltée
- ◆ PNL Logistics Limited
- ◆ HV Industrial Zone Ltd
- ◆ Rose Palace Ltd
- ◆ G.M Punjabi Ltd & Co. Ltd
- ◆ Crystal Freezone Ltd
- ◆ Freeport Operators Association Ltd



Hon. Soodesh Callichurn
Minister of Labour, Human Resource Development and Training and Minister of Commerce and Consumer Protection

The vision of the Ministry of Commerce and Consumer Protection is to have a conducive commercial environment and an effective protection of consumers in order to address matters related to commerce and supplies, import and export control, weight and measures, consumer protection, price control and price fixing.

MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION



Jaganathan Parasivam Rangan
Permanent Secretary

The mission of our Ministry is to:

- Facilitate trade of goods and services
- Ensure regular supply of essential commodities and to monitor prices of controlled goods
- Promote and safeguard the interests and rights of the consumers through legal and institutional framework
- Provide an interactive communication platform for the information, protection and education of consumers
- Regulate weights and measures used in trade
- Authorise the holding of trade fairs and exhibitions



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD OF MAURITIUS



H.E. Amb. Showkutally Soodhun, G.C.S.K, Ambassador of the Republic of Mauritius to the United Arab Emirates & Deputy Commissioner General for the Mauritius Pavilion

GENERAL CONSULATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS IN DUBAI

The Mauritius Pavilion will show to the world how our business and tourism assets have fostered economic prosperity. It is also an opportunity to offer a glimpse of what the future holds for our reinvented nation.

Themed Roots of the Future, the Mauritius Pavilion depicts this idyllic island state built under the intrinsic values of unity in diversity towards a conflict-free and resourceful nation that is continuously re-inventing its socio-economic landscape.

We share with you the rich diversity and the unique blend of cultures, values and traditions that makes our Island Nation a beacon of Peace, Prosperity, Democracy and Social Inclusiveness.

As an apex body operating under the aegis of the Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Development, the mandate of the EDB - Mauritius is to provide strong institutional support for strategic economic planning and ensure greater coherence and effectiveness in economic policy formulation; promote Mauritius as an attractive investment and business centre, a competitive export platform as well as an International Financial Centre; act as the main institution responsible for country branding for investment promotion; and facilitate both inward and outward investment and ensure a conducive business environment.

The EDB is the regulatory body responsible for regulating, promoting, and providing business facilitation for development of the Freeport Sector.



Hemraj Ramnial, CSK
Chairman
EDB Mauritius



Vinay Guddy
Director
Global Outreach



Yannick Matadeen
Manager
Freeport &
Logistics

MAURITIUS PORT AUTHORITY



The Mauritius Ports Authority (MPA) is the national port authority, set up under the Ports Act 1998, to regulate and control the port sectors in Mauritius. Its objective is to make Port Louis Harbour a modern port in order to maintain a high productivity and enhanced service levels at competitive rates. Port Louis Harbour plays a vital role in the national economy by handling about 99% of the total volume of the external trade.

Facilities

- Modern port equipment,
- Among the deepest port in the region,
- A dynamic Freeport,
- An extensive port-based facilities,
- An impressive waterfront, and
- A dedicated cruise facility.



Shankhnad Ghurburrin
Chairman
Mauritius Port Authority



Shakeel Goburdhone
Deputy Director General,
Mauritius Port Authority

CARGO HANDLING CORPORATION LIMITED



Incorporated in October 1983, the Cargo Handling Corporation Ltd (CHCL) is a state-owned private company for container handling activities at Port Louis Harbour.

Strategically located at the entrance of Port Louis Harbour, the Mauritius Container Terminal is the undisputed link in the Indian Ocean connecting Africa, Australia and Asia.



Kechan Balgobin
Chairman
Cargo Handling Corporation Ltd
Acting Permanent Secretary,
Prime Minister's Office



Presley Paul
Managing Director
Cargo Handling Corporation Ltd

STATE TRADING CORPORATION



The State Trading Corporation (STC) was set up by an Act of Parliament of October 1982 (amended in 1988), to be the trading arm of the Government of Mauritius. It operates under the aegis of the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Consumer Protection. STC has been entrusted with the responsibility of importing certain essential commodities including all petroleum products, namely Mogas, Gasoil and Jet A1 Fuel and Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) traded in Mauritius. STC also supplies the domestic market with Wheat Flour and Long Grain White Rice, both being subsidized products. Since 2014, the STC is also importing Basmati Rice for the local market.



Rajiv Servansingh
General Manager
State Trading Corporation

AIRPORTS OF MAURITIUS



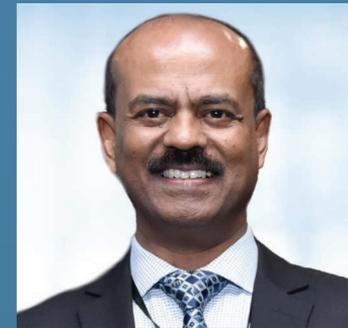
Airports of Mauritius Co. Ltd (AML) is the owner and Licensed Operator of Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport (SSRIA). It plays a decisive role in the continuous growth and modernization of SSRIA.

AML, a wholly owned subsidiary of Airport Holdings Ltd (AHL), a conglomerate regrouping state-owned companies /organisations operating in the aviation sector in the Republic of Mauritius, is ranked amongst the leading corporate entities among the Top Hundred Companies of Mauritius.

In 2021, AML was awarded the Leading Airport - Indian Ocean by World Travels Awards following the designation for the Best Airport in the African Region by Airports Council International (ACI) received in 2020.

Facilities

- The infrastructure for the Cargo, Freeport and Logistics Zone, planned and designed to international standards, has been implemented to provide serviced land for long-term lease to developers and operators.
- The Cargo and Freeport zone is in a secured area with internal road system for accessibility to individual plots & utility services and also has direct airside connections to tarmac. This offers both a secured and conveniently located base for operations.



Siven Chellen
Officer in charge
Airports of Mauritius

MAURITIUS FREEPORT DEVELOPMENT CO LTD



MFD Group Ltd, through its wholly owned subsidiaries, offer supply chain management services and industrial zones for rent. The complete range of logistics services are offered to local, regional, and international customers. Operating on various sites throughout the island, adjacent to the seaport of Port Louis, and to the Airport, MFD companies make up the largest logistics platform (3PL) in the Indian Ocean region for Freeport and Local Market activities.

With over 130,000 m2 of dedicated warehouse space, a container park with capacity of 7,500 TEUs, a wide range of transport vehicles for containers and last mile delivery, EU approved warehousing facilities with professional, experienced and trained team, MFD is the partner of choice for all logistics needs.

To implement its growth strategy, MFD Group Ltd has recently expanded its warehousing facilities in Riche Terre, comprising in total of 32,000 m2 of warehousing space and 5,000 m2 of outside storage. The group is also planning an expansion into the African continent.



Facilities

- Freight management services
- Customs Brokering (Import or Export)
- Transport services import and export as well as island-wide for containers and final mile.
- Cold and Dry warehousing services
- Rental of dedicated industrial warehouses
- Fully functional offices with all Information Technology facilities



Dominique de Froberville
Chief Executive Officer
Mauritius Freeport
Development Co Ltd

FREPORT OPERATIONS MAURITIUS LTD



FOM is part of Velogic, an international fully integrated logistics service provider with 50+ years of experience with 1400 professionals driven by a strong customer focus, providing the full range of services under one roof.

It is situated in the vicinity of the port container terminal with warehouses, offices, manufacturing and processing units on 8.5 hectares of land. The company handles about 15,000 tons of air freight and 12,500 TEUs of containerized ocean freight annually and has 30,000 m² of storage and transit facilities worldwide.

FOM has a dedicated key account management team with in-depth knowledge of trade agreements for preferential access and an in-house customs brokerage experts ensure continuous mobility of goods in supply chain.

The Parent company is listed on the Stock Exchange, which guarantees transparency and best practices in terms of corporate governance. The company is embracing multiple sustainability initiatives which will ensure a decrease in carbon footprint.



Facilities

Integrated logistics service offerings including:

- Freight forwarding,
- customs clearing,
- domestic transport,
- warehousing,
- Freeport operations,
- express courier,
- removals,
- container services,
- shipping services,
- project cargo,
- container handling and stevedoring



Farzana Mouratsing
Business Development
Manager - Project and Logistics
Freport Operations Mauritius
Ltd

MAURI-CHINA FREEZONE DEVELOPMENT LTD



Situated 5km from the Port-Louis Harbour, Mauri-China Freezone Development Ltd (MCFD) operates a regional and international logistics platform over an area of 1 ha.

MCFD currently holds 5,000 m² of warehousing facilities and 658 m² of office space and offers a secure and safe storage facility connected to its warehousing facilities able to cater for large fleet of trucks and oversized goods.

Facilities

- All types of commodities (ship spares, oversize cargo, bunkering),
- Dry goods including foodstuff (Unstuffed or Packaged), and Motor vehicles.
- Land over an extent of 50,000 m² is available for Freeport and Logistics development near the Port Area.



Gino Severe
Managing Director
Mauri-China Freezone
Development Ltd

UNITY LOGISTICS



Unity Logistics Limited

Unity Logistics Ltd operates a state-of-the-art cold room warehousing facility in the industrial zone of Jin Fei Smart City. Located only 5.6 Km from port, the warehousing facility of European standards is built on 1.72 hectares.

Facilities

- The total built up area is 3050 m².
- 2000 m² cold storage (Around 4,500 Pallets)
- 500 m² temperature control cross docking
- 450 m² for office space
- 450 m² for office space
- 100 m² of utilities
- Wide range of cold temperatures ranging from -25°C to +8°C
- 2 separate cold store units under one roof
- 100 Pallet movements per hour for each cold room
- Storage facility on-ground for 32 containers of 40ft each with plug-in power backup for refrigerated containers
- 24 hour surveillance with CCTV monitoring
- Highly sophisticated Alarm systems for Temperature fluctuation



Mayank Agarwal
Director
Unity Logistics Ltd



Rahul Sharma
Director
Unity Logistics Ltd

LES MOULINS DE LA CITEE LTEE



Founded in 2016, Les Moulins de la Cité Ltée ("LMC"), is a Third-Party Freeport Developer providing infrastructural facilities for warehousing facilities and office spaces at Jin Fei industrial zone. LMC provides customized solutions across industries such as medical, food, automotive, electronic, hardware, textile amongst others.

LMC rests on a dynamic and professional team and provides top notch warehousing facilities (spacious, safe & high-quality galvanised structures) as may be attested by existing clients who have been onboard for the past years.

The freeport zone is fully equipped with parking spaces, water tanks, security services 24/7, camera surveillance, generator, loading bay, technical room, Fire alarm and sprinkler system.



Raffick Alimamod
Chief Executive Officer
Les Moulins de la Cité Ltée

PNL LOGISTICS LIMITED



PNL Logistics Ltd is the logistical arm of PNL Group (Pharmacie Nouvelle Ltd). The objective of PNL Logistics Ltd is to provide high quality services related to Purchase Order Management, Inventory Management and Warehousing and Distribution.

Located at Jin Fei Logistics zone, the infrastructural facilities provided by PNL Logistics comprise of a brand-new state-of-the-art dry and temperature-controlled warehousing hub and offices of 13,600 m2, a large fleet of vehicles, and a highly skilled and motivated staff.

The warehousing facility which includes 13 dock levellers has an overall storage capacity of 13,500 pallets.

About PNL

PNL (Pharmacie Nouvelle Ltd), founded in 1912, is a subsidiary of the Leal Group of Companies and is specialized in warehousing, distribution and the brand development of consumer goods, pharmaceutical and chemical products.



Olivier Fricot
COO Supply Chain
PNL Logistics Ltd

HV INDUSTRIAL ZONE LTD



HV INDUSTRIAL ZONE LTD is a property development company incorporated in 2015 and is a joint venture between HV Group, a well-diversified group involved in the manufacturing, distribution and retail sector in Mauritius and in the region and Max City Group, a key property developer in Mauritius with a portfolio of 75,000 m2 of office and retail spaces under management and currently developing a smart city project.

In 2020, HV INDUSTRIAL ZONE Ltd. initiated a multi-phase development project to set up an industrial complex of 35,000 m2 consisting of warehousing and logistics facilities, light industrial settings, office spaces and container parks over an extent of land of 18 acres at Riche Terre Business and Industrial Park. The entire complex benefits from the advantages of the Freeport Zone status.

HV INDUSTRIAL ZONE Ltd. aims at becoming an active and key Freeport Developer in Mauritius and the region with the development of its existing land property and through acquisition of other investment properties.



Lewis Ah Ching
Director
HV Industrial Zone Ltd

ROSE PALACE LTD



Rose Palace Ltd (trade name "STALLION WAREHOUSING") is a subsidiary of Sobany & Sons Co. Ltd. Incorporated in 2016, the company has been created with the main focus on developing a logistics platform with Freeport status at Riche Terre over 11,396 m2.

The developed infrastructure comprises of office space, storage facilities, minor processing units, common and private warehouses.

Stallion Warehousing aims to become one among the foremost and pre-eminent supply chain logistics company in the region.



Nawaz Sobany
Director
Rose Palace Co. Ltd

GM PUNJABI & CO LTD



Established in 1972, GM Punjabi & Co Ltd (GMP) is a well-established trading company in Mauritius, spearheaded by founder and managing director Padam Prakash Punjabi. The main activity of the company is wholesale and distribution of electronics, hardware and home appliances such as Hisense, Mikachi, Rockford, Ingco, Brunn, Suzuki Time, amongst others.

GMP is developing approximately 14,000 m² of freeport infrastructural facilities on a plot of land of an extent of 4.5 arpents situated at Trianon. The developed infrastructure comprises of office space, storage facilities, minor processing units, common and private warehouses.



Padam Punjabi
Managing Director
GM Punjabi & Co Ltd

CRYSTAL FREEZONE LTD Crystal FREEZONE

Incorporated in 2018, Crystal Freezone Ltd (a sister company of Gestock International Ltd) is developing a logistics platform with Freeport status at Riche Terre over an extent of land of 3.76 Arpents (15,870 m²). The infrastructural facilities comprises of warehousing facilities, processing units, open air storage and offices.

Gestock International Ltd ('Gestock') operated in the Mauritius Freeport for more than 10 years providing logistics, storage, import / export and back office works for the chain of shops.

Facilities

- Rental of warehouse
- Storage of goods
- Warehousing
- Logistics services
- Import/export



Mickaël Ingar
Director
Crystal Freezone Ltd

FREEPORT OPERATORS ASSOCIATION LTD



The Freeport Operators' Association is an Organization that regroups Freeport Licensees in Mauritius with the objectives to enhance and promote the Freeport Sector.

Established since 1996, the mission of the Association is to bring Freeport Operators together with a view to create a synergy to the advantage of freeport operators and ultimately, to that of Mauritius.



Hornali Pirbhai
President
Freeport Operators Association



Afzal Delbar
Secretary General,
Freeport Operators Association



Unity Logistics Limited

