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**Ajay Kumar Singh Named New General Manager of MIP**

Mersin International Port Management inc (MIP) today announced the appointment of a new General Manager. Ajay Kumar Singh, the former Chief Operating Officer (COO) of MIP, succeeds Johan Van Daele, who has taken on a new role as CEO of the MSC PSA European Terminal (MPET) in the Port of Antwerp in Belgium. Singh joined the MIP family in the second half of 2022 and has years of experience managing ports. Van Daele had been at the helm of MIP since 2017, where he successfully realized many important projects such as the Gate Project and the Capacity Increase Project EMHII.

Ajay Kumar Singh has a master's degree in International Trade and Business Management and a Post Graduate diploma in Shipment and Export Management. In a career spanning over 25 years in the port management industry, Ajay Kumar Singh has gained wide cross-cultural experience, working in regions such as Africa, the U.K., the Middle East, India and North America.

Ajay Kumar Singh made the following statement regarding his new role: *"I am honored to take on my new role at MIP, and excited to be able to transfer the sectoral experience I have gained as COO at MIP and in the world's major ports to the development of Mersin International Port and take it to the next level. During my tenure, I will continue to work closely with MIP's dynamic and professional team in close cooperation with both internal and external stakeholders, contributing to operational and service excellence to meet the needs of our valued customers and thereby contributing to the community of Mersin and the region's economy. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Johan Van Daele for his great contribution to strengthen MIP's position as Turkey's leading port and wish him every success in his new position."*

**About MIP**

Mersin International Port Management INC. (MIP), which was established as a partnership between Akfen Holding and PSA International, took over T.C.D.D. Mersin Port Management for a period of 36 years on May 11, 2007. In 2017, Australia's IFM Investors joined Mersin International Port's other shareholding parties.

Mersin International Port (MIP) is connected via railways and highways with Turkey's industrialized cities such as Ankara, Gaziantep, Kayseri, Kahramanmaraş and Konya, and with bordering countries such as Syria, Iraq and CIS countries. It is one of the main container ports in the Mediterranean Region with its transit and hinterland connections with the Middle East and the Black Sea. Based on the total amount of cargo handled annually and the site at its disposal, MIP is Turkey's largest port.

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