PROSPECT OF SETTING UP A PRIVATE CONTAINER DEPOT IN FORT KLANG FOR MALAYSIAN SHIPPING AGENCIES SON BHD

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ABSTRACT

Congestion has been the main problem faced by the container terminal in Port Klang. With the growing number of container traffic, the problem becomes worsen and has an impact to the terminal efficiency.

This study aims not only to reveal the alternative to reduce the congestion in the container terminal stacking yard but the prospect and opportunities of churning an extra income for MSA Sdn Bhd. The only alternative for reducing the number of containers in the terminal yard presently is by diverting the empty containers to the private container depot.

It is a fact that operating a private container depot involve low capital investment and overhead expenses. But this service in other hand present a very promising revenue to the operators.

Conclusively, this study will outlined the prospect of setting up a private container depot due to the growth of the container industry itself and with extra credit on the advantages that MSA Sdn Bhd has.

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

A preprequisite to greater efficiency in the container industry in Malaysia is the existence of efficient ports which serve as an interface for the transfer of goods carried in containers from shore to ship and vice versa. However, when a modern port is being considered, one think in terms of a series of docks with wharves, warehouses, cranes and other handling facilities for vessels, supported by a system of roads and or railways coordinated and managed with the one aim of spending the part is, therefore, depends on how best it fullfills and discharges this function.

In the early 70's, Port Klang has been improved with facilities to handle container vessels. Since then, it is the beginning of the container industry and a new era in the transport sector in Malaysia. From the normal container handing services, the industry has branched out into several other services such as the container maintenance services and container factories.

This study will focus one of the important services in Port Klang; the private container depot. Also, this study will examine along the prospect of setting up a private container depot for Malaysia Shipping Agencies Sdn Bhd. This idea for this study arises when shipping lines are facing difficulties in storing the empty containers in the Kelang Container