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Vizag Seaport goes high tech with Axis network Surveillance

Port achieves increased surveillance and training capabilities, improved operational alertness

Axis Communications today announced that it has completed the first phase of its physical security solutions installation at the Vizag Seaport. The migration to Axis network based surveillance system delivers the benefits of enhanced monitoring and operational alertness, enabling authorities to supervise port activities on a 24/7 basis with minimal manual intervention; in addition to serving as a powerful training tool to help new employees understand port functioning.

Axis Communications, which started its Indian operations in August 2007, is a leading provider of network video solutions for professional installations. The company's customers in India include Chennai, Delhi and Hyderabad International Airports; D.Y. Patil Stadium in Mumbai and ITC Welcome Group Hotels.

The Vizag Seaport authorities decided to go in for a greenfield IP-based surveillance solution from Axis Communications. In the first phase, the port has installed 17 cameras to monitor the cargo handling operations and allied activities at the Vizag Seaport. The installation was implemented by Morcorp Solutions, a Hyderabad-based System Integration (SI) partner of Axis Communications.

The Vizag Sea Port terminal is part of Visakhapatnam Port - one of the 12 major ports in India. The port earlier had a completely manual security system with guards patrolling the port. With the International Ship & Port Security (ISPS) code coming into effect, port authorities decided to implement the Axis solution to address their need to enhance monitoring and surveillance capabilities.

“Our objective was to implement a surveillance system that goes beyond ensuring security and actually serves as a tool to help improve our operational efficiency,” said Mr Ragam Kishore, CEO, Vizag Sea Port Pvt Ltd. “The Axis surveillance system has helped us to achieve all this and more.”

“We are proud to partner with Vizag Seaport authorities as they take the leap from manual surveillance to IP-based digital surveillance,” said Prakash Prabhu, Country Manager, Axis Communications, India. “IP-based surveillance is the definitely the future and the benefits of using this go far beyond just ensuring heightened security. We are thrilled that Vizag Sea Port is able to reap the benefits of this implementation.”

The Implementation team had to take utmost care while installing the system at all critical locations due to the nature of the weather and applications sensitivity and also to ensure future friendly installation and minimal damage to the environment.

With 24/7 surveillance in place, most of the top level management has eyes and ears to all the locations without moving out of their offices.

About Axis

Axis is an IT company offering network video solutions for professional installations. The company is the global market leader in network video, driving the ongoing shift from analog to digital video surveillance. Axis products and solutions focus on security surveillance and remote monitoring, and are based on innovative, open technology platforms. Axis is a Swedish-based company, operating worldwide with offices in more than 20 countries and cooperating with partners in more than 70 countries. Founded in 1984, Axis is listed on the NASDAQ OMX Stockholm under the ticker AXIS. For more information about Axis, please visit our website at www.axis.com

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