

Kalmar to equip Kingston Freeport Terminal with new hybrid straddle carriers

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Finnish port equipment manufacturer Kalmar has recently finalised a deal to provide Kingston Freeport Terminal Limited (KFTL) with a dozen hybrid straddle carriers.

The new machines are scheduled to be delivered at the Caribbean port by the second quarter of 2024.

Established in 2015, KFTL is a transshipment hub in the Caribbean and operated by Terminal Link, a joint venture between CMA CGM and China Merchants Port (CMP). The 12 Kalmar hybrid straddle carriers are part of a progressive fleet renewal strategy geared towards improving performance, reliability and sustainability at the terminal.

In addition to Kalmar straddle carriers, KFTL's equipment fleet includes Kalmar reachstackers, empty container handlers and terminal tractors.

The new Kalmar hybrid straddle carriers will be connected to Kalmar Insight, a performance management tool that turns data into actionable, impactful insights.

As part of the agreement, Kalmar will also deliver a comprehensive spare parts package to support the ongoing maintenance of the machines by local technicians.

Troy Thompson, director of sales and account management at Kalmar Americas, commented, "KFTL has shown a clear commitment to continuously enhancing environmental and operational performance at their terminal. We are pleased that they have chosen to continue collaborating with Kalmar by expanding their equipment fleet with our eco-efficient hybrid technology, which is helping terminals around the world move towards safer, more eco-efficient and more productive operations."