

## Press Release

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### **Cotecna & MCP join forces to offer comprehensive Port Community System and Single Electronic Window**

Cotecna and Maritime Cargo Processing (MCP) have signed a partnership agreement to combine their respective expertise to offer comprehensive solutions for Port Community Systems and Single Electronic Windows. Through this partnership both companies expand on their current range of services.

**MCP**, a leading port community systems specialist, proposes a solution powered by the software Destin8 as an open platform providing electronic exchange of information between all key stakeholders involved in the maritime supply chain such as terminal operators, shipping lines and their agents, logistics providers, transport operators, Customs brokers, Customs and other government agencies.

**Cotecna**, one of the world's leading international trade inspection, security and certification companies, provides trade facilitation and security solutions to Governments and trade communities powered by risk management, valuation, X-ray scanning and verification services, which collect, verify and process advanced cargo information at pre-clearance stages.

Cotecna's skill and experience of over 30 years in providing tailor-made services to Governments and trade communities, combined with **MCP's** expertise of over 25 years in providing and operating a Port Community Systems, will generate a very powerful solution allowing facilitation and transparency as well as improving efficiency for all the key stakeholders in a port community.

**Cotecna and MCP** are exhibitors at the [WCO IT Conference in Marrakech 22-24 April 2009](#). Visit us for demos on stand 14-15 for more information.

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**Cotecna:** Founded in Switzerland in 1974, the Cotecna Group offers a wide range of trade facilitation services, trade security services and quality certification standards. Cotecna is a pioneer in areas such as destination inspection, risk management, and scanner integration projects and also offers Customs modernization programmes, Customs valuation assistance, trade security solutions and commercial inspections. The Cotecna Group has a combined workforce of about 4,000 employees and agents in close to 100 offices and holds 16 government inspection contracts. [www.cotecna.com](http://www.cotecna.com)

**MCP:** 25 years experience in developing, marketing and managing port community systems. Having played an active role in the functional specification and development of the system then known as FCP80 and one of the UK's first maritime port community systems, MCP was incorporated in 1984. In May 2007, MCP successfully rolled out their new browser based system to over 2500 users in 17 UK ports. Today, nearly 75% of the UK's containerised maritime trade is processed through Destin8. MCP provides worldwide consultancy services on trade and transportation issues. [www.mcplc.com](http://www.mcplc.com)