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Allied ICD Durgapur receives first AEO certification in eastern India

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ALLIED ICD Services Ltd, an inland container depot (ICD) based in Durgapur, West Bengal has been certified as an 'Authorised Economic Operator' (AEO) on October 22, 2014 by Indian Customs.

An AEO is involved in the international movement of goods approved by a national Customs administration which complies with the WCO SAFE Framework of Standards or equivalent supply chain security standards. AEO is acknowledged in the European Union,



and equivalent programmes have been introduced in countries like the United States (C-TPAT), New Zealand (SES), Singapore (STP), Taiwan (TWAEAO), etc.

Mr Pramod Kumar Srivastava, Director and CEO of the company, said, "This is an achievement for ICD Durgapur. The inland port is equipped with state-of-the-art infrastructure and we constantly strive to achieve the highest standards of security to meet customer expectations. We have been working hard to

receive the AEO certification and it feels great to achieve this goal. We thank Indian Customs for this honour as it encourages us to continue persevering."

Authorised Economic Operators have a special status as they enjoy various benefits in Customs processes, import, export, physical surveillance, etc. ICD Durgapur can now take advantage of special privileges in the

area of Customs processing.

ICD Durgapur was inaugurated in 2006 with the aim of decongesting the ports in West Bengal. It has capacity of handling 5,000 containers a month. Allied ICD Services Ltd is a part of 'The PDP Group' which provides comprehensive door-to-door logistics services and has been serving the industry for more than 4 decades.



Mr Pramod Kumar Srivastava (centre) receiving the AEO certificate from Mr K. J. Chaudhry, Additional Director-General of DG Inspection and Dr S. K. Mohapatra, Assistant Director of DG Inspection