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## **American President Line-APL has agreed with Phoenix Group's affiliate company Phoenix Vessel Security to deploy its Vessel Security Team**

PANAMA CITY, PANAMA Phoenix Group announced today the Mega Carrier, Oakland-based American President Line - APL - has agreed with Phoenix Group's affiliate company Phoenix Vessel Security to deploy its Vessel Security Team Program on board the vessels operating at the Manzanillo International Terminal- MIT, Colon, Republic of Panama.

The objective of the Vessel Security Team "VST" is to protect the vessels against drug smuggling, stowaways, piracy, terrorism, cargo theft, and pilferage during the operation at MIT. Four highly trained Security Officers, one of the Officers acting as the Team Leader, form each team. Implementing this Security Program will assist APL vessels to comply with C-TPAT and SCIA security guidelines.

The VST will board all vessels servicing APL's APX and NCA Services, commencing October 5, 2002.

In March, 2001, Phoenix Group's affiliate company Professional K9 Services deployed the first Vessel Security Team for APL vessel during operations at Limon, Costa Rica.

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Phoenix Group consists of several companies, most prominently Operations Support Services, Professional K-9 Services, Phoenix Airport Services, and Phoenix Vessel Services.

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