

Puerto Angamos breaks record by transferring 126,000 tons of copper concentrate in a month with this the port terminal continues to consolidate its position in the bulk market



During October of this year, Puerto Angamos achieved a new operational record, transferring 126,000 tons of copper concentrate in one month. This important milestone exceeds the figures obtained previously by the port terminal that, in December 2016, had mobilized 93,503 tons.

In this way, Puerto Angamos continues to consolidate itself as a sustainable platform for this type of operations in the Antofagasta region. It should be noted that in the last four years the port has carried out a robust investment plan with the aim of renewing its port infrastructure.

This process considered the expansion of its equipment fleet and the start-up of an innovative system of flip-up containers, which has allowed the terminal to have a safe, flexible and environmentally friendly operation, being also a highly competitive solution in terms of productivity, which is reflected in this type of operational milestones.

Bulk transfer

In line with this latest achievement, during the first days of May, Puerto Angamos exceeded the one and a half million tons of bulk transferred, a figure that is mainly explained by the mobilization of Copper concentrate through flip-top containers that was first developed in October 2014.

General Manager of Puerto Angamos, **David Álvaro**, explains *“these operational milestones obtained during 2017 are an example of the Company's strength in the bulk market. We have imposed demanding goals, meeting high standards in terms of safety and planning of highly complex manoeuvres. The transfer of more than 125,000 tons of copper concentrate in one month is a clear reflection of the improvements we have implemented aimed at providing continuity and operational excellence to each of our processes.”*

“The decision to invest in the implementation of innovative technology for the country, as were the containers and the acquisition of equipment according to new scenarios, was successful,” **Álvaro** added.

Álvaro went on to say *“We have been pioneers in Chile in offering this system of transfer, storage and shipment of bulk containers in flip-flops, adjusting to the requirements of our customers and offering specific solutions for the development of their activities. These improvements have allowed us to diversify our burdens to other markets, such as bulk, thus projecting the port towards sustainable growth over time.”*

