

Project Summary on the Proposed Lolo ICD

The Proposed Lolo Inland Container Depot (ICD) was a private sector driven proposal borne out of the need to provide additional cargo handling and processing facility in the Northwest region of the country. The proposed ICD site which measures approximately 50 hectares is located in Lolo, Illo Area Development Council, with estimated distance of about 400km from Birnin Kebbi, the State Capital.

The proposed ICD will have a modular design that consists of an annual 5,000 TEUs capacity facility that can be easily expanded with increasing throughput.

The objectives of the Proposed Lolo ICD project are to:

1. Enhance the nation's cargo handling and processing capacity with additional handling capacity for 5,000 TEUs per annum;
2. Introduce modern and sophisticated systems, processes and procedures to handle and process containerized cargo;
3. Provide additional means of integrating surface transportation of containers in the northeast region;
4. Act as cargo consolidation point and Customs' clearance establishment for cargo originating or destined for the northeast region;
5. Provide a comprehensive cargo sorting center;
6. A temporary cargo storage facility;
7. Provide cargo and truck management. This will entail installation of appropriate equipment and machinery to receive and dispatch containerized cargo to and from the ICD for onward shipping;
8. Ensure safe and secure cargo operations in the ICD complex. The Lolo ICD shall put in place necessary security and safety infrastructure, equipment and measures in order to comply with national and international requirements for such facility.
9. Implement immediate, short-term and long-term measures aimed at ensuring global best practices in operational levels as regards cargo dwell time, cargo productivity ratios, truck processing time, etc.

The proposed ICD facility will comprise of a container stacking area, an office complex for ICD administration and Customs employees, a container freight station with an adjacent stuffing and stripping area that also serves as customs inspection zone, a loading/unloading area for trucks carrying LCL- Cargo, an equipment parking area dedicated also to maintenance and repair activities, and a container interchange including a truck parking area outside of the ICD boundary.

The proposed Lolo ICD will provide all container handling and storage services that a port will offer; services which shall be complemented by a range of value added services. It shall be equipped with modern reach stackers and tractor trailer units for container handling and horizontal transport and will be connected to the national road and rail networks. The design is modular with

capacity for both open container storage and covered storage that can be easily adapted to other throughput requirements.