

## Press release

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### **Mr Alan García, President of Peru, and Cotecna inaugurate a Non Intrusive Inspection complex at the port of El Callao**

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On August 22, Mr Alan García, President of Peru, and Cotecna Inspection inaugurated the new Non Intrusive Inspection (NII) complex at the port of El Callao, the biggest maritime port in Peru.

In 2007, Cotecna was awarded a contract by the United Nations Office for Project Services to provide consulting services to the Peruvian Customs (SUNAT) on the purchase and complete implementation of a state-of-the-art container scanning control system at the Port of Callao. Services included recommendations on technical specifications, procedures and location, factory and on-site acceptances, implementation supervision, operation of the scanner, and training of local operators.

Cotecna successfully completed the on site acceptance test of the new scanner, a relocatable 6MeV dual high energy scanner housed in a fully covered tunnel. The scanner has a 320mm penetration capability; is able to distinguish between organic / inorganic material and to detect radioactive materials.

Cotecna Inspection will continue to support the Peruvian Customs Authority (SUNAT) during the next 24 months by providing technical assistance for the implementation, training and operation of the NII. A highly experienced and multinational Cotecna team will be located in El Callao to provide a 24/7 support to Customs Authority.

Peruvian Customs expect an immediate increase of volume thanks to improved processes as well as a reduction in operating costs. With the objective of promoting the use of the Single Window System, SUNAT plan to integrate this latest technology with other Government Control Bodies.

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**Note to editors:**

**1. About Cotecna**

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