



## MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



### Dear colleagues, clients, partners and friends from the Port of Açú community

We are currently facing a difficult moment in our history. The impact of Covid-19 is being felt all over the world and has also reached Brazil and our community.

In the midst of these times of uncertainty, hope arises thanks to the dedication of professionals who, driven by their love for the community and their profession, are in the front line of this tough battle. Therefore, I would like to, first and for all, **express gratitude and respect**, on behalf of myself and Port of Açú, towards all health and sanitary workers as well as the food suppliers and all the employees of other essential services.

We, as Port of Açú, also hold a very large **social responsibility**. We are currently continuing our operations as we understand our key-role as active community builder and our obligations as one of the main gateways for Brazilian international trade. We acknowledge our duty to assure the continuity of the economy and also the availability of resources and energy required by our region and beyond.

Achieving this goal has only been made possible thanks to our core value: **Our People**. I want to explicitly thank everyone for the excellent work they've been doing up until today. Both the professionals still physically operating at the port as well as those currently working from home, have been taking on their responsibilities with great know-how and commitment. This engagement from the Port's employees, clients, suppliers and partners truly inspires me.

Therefore, in line with the values that guide Port of Açú, we've implemented **various measures** such as the set-up of a Committee to monitor the situation on a daily basis and take the necessary actions in order to protect the well-being of our entire team. We have also created a dedicated Committee on Social Responsibility and Humanitarian Affairs to safeguard the physical and mental health of our team, clients, partners and community from São João da Barra and Campos dos Goytacazes. Furthermore, through our network of national and international partner ports we are also actively seeking global best practices to inspire us during these challenging times.

These are several initiatives to ensure the appropriate measures and sharing of correct information, always in line with the latest instructions from the Ministry of Health, The Brazilian Health Regulatory Agency (Anvisa) and Rio de Janeiro State Government. **Count on us during this journey!** We are a team that always plays together and together we will overcome this challenge!

With my personal regards,  
**José Firmo**  
Port of Açú Operations CEO