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### **PETROBRAS confirms another increase in gasoline and diesel prices**

The PETROBRAS confirmed the increase in gasoline at its refineries starting on this week, stating that the average gasoline sale price to distributors will be R\$ 2.08 per liter, reflecting an average increase of R\$ 0.10 per liter in the sale price. The average price of diesel, in turn, will be R\$ 2.12 per liter, reflecting an average increase of R\$ 0.09 per liter. In view of this increase, the state-owned company stressed that the prices of gasoline and diesel sold at the pump of the retail stations are increased by federal and state taxes, costs for acquisition and mandatory mixing of biofuels by the distributors, in addition to the gross margins of the distribution companies and the gas stations fuel dealers.

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## **PORTS OF BRAZIL**

### **Port of Santos**

After falls in the first half of 2020, container handling at the Port of Santos recovered and ended the year with a historic record in the segment that carries the highest added value cargo. December 2020 registered a 20% growth in container handling over the same month of 2019, to 437.4 thousand TEU, and an increase of 9.5% over November, which had already registered the best performance for a month so far, with 399.3 thousand TEU. In the year, they were 4.23 million TEU, an increase of 1.6% over the previous record, verified in 2019. Considering all cargo, Porto ended December with double-digit growth, 16.2%, over the same month the previous year, reaching 11.9 million tons. The figures contributed to the year's overall record of 146.6 million tonnes, up 9.4% over 2019.

### **Shipping Agency**

The shipping agency service values for quality and agility in attendance of foreign and Brazilian flag vessels, provision of information to companies involved in foreign trade and internal market in real time, with competitive prices in relation to port and maritime costs, and the search for harmony between public and private stakeholders in the supply chain. North Star operates in different segments, serving bulk vessels (solid and liquid), loose cargo, offshore ships, project cargo, dredgers and passenger ships, providing quality services for large and consolidated market players.

### **Shipbrokers**

As a result of negotiation and relationship skills with leading Shipowners and their representatives in 5 (five) continents, competitive prices of freight and special conditions on hiring of vessels are offered, thus helping trading companies, importers and exporters that need to transport their cargo around the world.

### **Consultancy**

It offers the market solution in the resolution of maritime demurrage disputes, making the management of recovery or settlement with the involved shipping

companies. The technical, pre-operational and operational follow-up is performed of vessels in ports, ensuring that contract clauses will be achieved and complied.

### **Customs Clearance**

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