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Hanjin Shipping Co. Ltd's met with the longshoremen's union this week for the first time since June to negotiate a staffing proposal for the South Korean shipper's proposed terminal. There was no word on how the talks went. The lack of progress in negotiations between the union and the South Korean shipping company spurred the Jacksonville Port Authority on Dec. 3 to hold off on choosing a firm to design the \$208 million terminal. The decision, which won't affect the terminal's opening slated for 2013, came after the authority received a letter by a Hanjin high-ranking executive on Nov. 16 that stated a standstill in negotiations meant the company wouldn't be able to spend more time and resources on the highly-automated terminal.

The union wants each loading and unloading container gang to have 27 people and each additional gang to have 25 people. If Hanjin demands fewer people per gang, it must be approved by the International Longshoremen Association district's technology committee.

William Rooney, managing director of Hanjin's American headquarters, and Daniel Teague, vice president of ILA Clerks & Checkers Local 1593, were not available for comment.

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