



PORT OF ADEN

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Training, Port and Gulf of Aden Security, and Rescues

Coordination and cooperation between the authorities of the Corporation and the Yemen Coast Guard (YCG), Gulf of Aden Sector, are progressing well. Progress has been seen in the raising of security standards at ports and harbours on the coast, the securing of these facilities, and the reduction of threat on routes in the Gulf of Aden.



Captain Abdul

Hafedh Al-Wali, Assistant of the Director General and Director of Education and Training at the YCG stated that a positive contribution has been made



to the rescue operations, the combating fires and providing protection for touring yachts. He confirmed that over 70 cases on threat of drowning have been registered in which those in danger had been rescued, and that various forms of assistance have been given to commercial ships and oil tankers arriving at and departing from the Port of Aden, and to those following international routes passing the port. The issue of piracy attacks is particularly serious, and the YCG is able to extend assistance and protection against piracy attacks. In order to carry out its duties effectively, the YCG is following an intensive training programme that includes field training on the rapid confrontation of anticipated dangers, the boarding of suspect vessels, combating armed pirates who have captured or try to capture ships and other vessels, and responding to calls for assistance from vessels and individuals. He noted that the improved security in the Port of Aden, and in the area of the Gulf of Aden around the port from Mokha in the Red Sea to Ahwar to the east of Aden, has helped to re-assure shipping regarding port security. Throughput of containers and the number of container ships has seen a rapid increase in container traffic at the Port of Aden ■



Establishment of a navigation channel for the new Maritime Affairs Authority premises in Aden



The Corporation has signed a contract with the Maritime Affairs Authority (MAA) for the implementation of a project to establish a navigation channel for MAA craft to give them

access to the MAA site at Hedjuff. The project will require the Corporation's dredger to remove around 20,000 m3 of spoil in order to create a channel 3 metres deep at chart datum in accordance with the designs, plans and technical surveys prepared for the project. The agreed timetable is for the work to be completed within 90 days from delivery of the site for the start of work.

The Corporation has been selected to implement this project thanks to the equipment and human resources available to it in Aden and its proven ability to complete this type of project on earlier occasions ■



Signature of a Memorandum between the Port of Aden and Lattakia in Syria

A memorandum of mutual understanding between the ports of Aden and Lattakia in Syria was signed in Sanaa on 6/5/1429 corresponding to 11 May 2008 between the Public Company for Lattakia Harbor in the Syrian Arab Republic, signed by HE the Minister of Economy and Trade, Dr. Amer Husni Lutfi, and on the Yemeni part by HE Khaled Al-Wazir, Minister of Transport of the Republic of Yemen. The Memorandum contains six items which could be modified if this will lead to mutual benefits. The period of validity was fixed at five years, to be renewed automatically for similar periods unless one of the parties wishes to terminate. During this time there will be continuing cooperation and re-evaluation every year through exchange visits and joint training of the personnel aimed at the improvement of the effectiveness of both ports, with the possibility of linking them using electronic data transfer (E.D.I.). The second article describes the framework for the exchange of expertise and development of technical skills between both sides in the fields of vessel movements, cargo handling on the wharfs, port security, marine technical services and the protection of the environment.

This memorandum comes within the framework of supporting the aspects of cooperation and exchanging experience in the marine transportation sector between the two fraternal countries and in support of Arab economical integration ■



DP WORLD EXPANDS INTO YEMEN

- DP World and the Yemen Gulf of Aden Corp establish long term partnership.
- DP World to operate and develop the container facilities at the Port of Aden.
- The Joint venture commits to investment totaling US\$220 million within five years.



Details will be in the next issue

Marine Definitions

Vessel Under Master's Orders and Pilot's Advice

Pilotage:

A Pilot: Is a person with local knowledge who guides the Master of the ship as she enters or leaves the port. He provides the Captain with advice on which route the ship should follow.

Types of Pilotage:

a - Compulsory Pilotage: In this type of pilotage the Captain is required to take a pilot for the vessel on arrival or departure, regardless of his need or otherwise for pilotage services. Each port and country has the right to decide whether pilotage should be compulsory or optional. In the majority of ports around the world pilotage is compulsory.

b - Optional Pilotage: In ports where pilotage is optional, the Master of a ship may enter or leave with or without a pilot. In this type of pilotage if the master requests the help of a pilot the ship pays the pilotage fees, if not no fees are payable.

This type of pilotage service is available in places such as the English Channel (Bosphorus Strait – Dardanells Strait) under special conditions.

Functions of the Pilotage Corporation: A pilotage corporation is charged with ensuring the safety of navigation in the Port by raising the efficiency of the pilots through continuous training on the latest marine devices and equipment, regular updating of the necessary conditions and criteria for working as a pilot, ensuring

that they are properly certificated, have specific experience and undertake periodic retesting.

Pilotage Contract: This is like any Contract which stipulates that a request is made for services, and the organization providing the service responds. The Master of the vessel applies for a pilot by making a call to the Port Control Tower on the VHF. The response is received from the pilotage authority to the request of the master and the pilot boards the ship.

The pilot is supposed to offer his assistance to the vessel in case of danger, even if not asked to, in accordance with the Pilotage Law in the State in which the Port is situated.

Receiver of Pilotage Services

This is the owner of the vessel or its charterer who is bound with the Shipping Agents by a transport contract and is obliged to pay pilotage fees as well as fines if the vessel manoeuvres without a pilot, the expenses of the pilot, his residence and his repatriation in case the pilot had to travel as a result of bad weather conditions and the non-possibility of his leaving the ship.

Pilotage Fees:

Pilotage fees at the Port of Aden are fixed according to the Gross Tonnage of the vessel stated in the Tonnage Certificate.

- Additional fees are imposed in case pilotage takes place during weekends and on official vacations.
- The movement of a vessel along the same quay is considered to be a pilotage operation for which pilotage fees are charged.
- If a pilot is called and the vessel is not yet ready, a 50% fees is charged despite the non-movement of the vessel.

Pilot's Responsibilities:

a- Responsibility for the Contract:

When implementing the pilotage contract according to which the pilot is responsible to the receiver of the pilotage services for any mistakes committed by him, provided that the receiver of the pilotage services proves the mistakes committed by the pilot, for example providing the Captain with wrong information on the navigation of his vessel which leads to the vessel not being directed in the correct channel.

b- Negligence Responsibility: As soon as the pilot launch moves to take a pilot to a vessel, any damage sustained by the launch or the pilot which is not the caused by the pilot, shall be the responsibility of the vessel.

Prepared by: Captain: Ahmed Al-Bishi

Remembrance of Captain Ahmed Ali Noor



With immense sorrow and sadness we record that Dear Captain Ahmed Ali Noor has left our vanishing world, leaving behind memories of his good deeds, purity and modesty that captured many hearts. The late Ahmed Ali Noor occupied the post of Port Captain in the marine department. A number of captains and technicians now working at the Port of Aden were his students.

May God pardon his offenses by His inexhaustible mercy and forgiveness and give us and his relatives patience and solace in our loss.

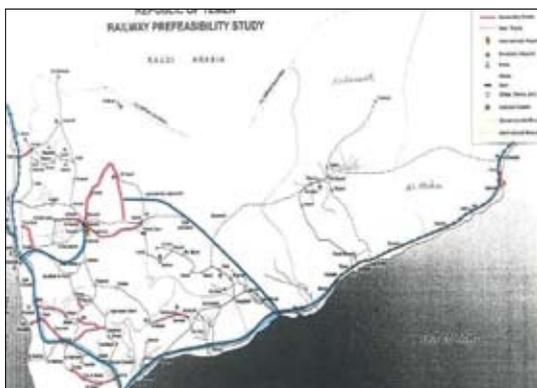
Field Visits, Feasibility Studies and Cargo Movements:

Progress with studies for a Railway Project between Yemen and the Gulf States:

The Corporation, represented by the Departments of Planning and Statistics, Marketing and Information, prepared data tables describing the transport of cargo which included the volume, the tonnage and identified shippers and consignees for the years 2004 – 2006. This, and other data, were required in order to prepare a feasibility study for a very significant railway project to link Yemen with the Gulf States.

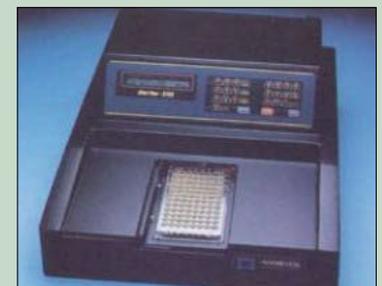
A delegation from the General Secretariat of

the Gulf Cooperation Council and the Consultative Companies Confederation conducted a visit to Yemen in the middle of June, after completing consultancy work and convening meetings with a number of relevant official authorities, one of which was the Ministry of Transport. The visiting delegation made field visits to the Governorates of Mahrah, Hadhramaut, Shabwa, Abyan and Aden for the same purpose ■



Device to check Aids at marine entry points (ELISA) in compliance with International Requirements

The Port Health Department in Aden has recently brought into service the ELISA Device to detect cases of infection by aids in those arriving through marine entry points, and those working in regional waters who are not included in the Health Resolution that stipulates an examination of those applying for residence or work in the country. These health checks come within the competency of the National Health Laboratory Center. The development has been reported in a statement made by Dr. Mohamed Ali Al-Hatmi, General Director of Port Health in Aden to the Yemen's Sabaa News Agency. It indicates the good coordination between the



management of the Corporation at the Port of Aden, the Immigration and Passport Department and other related Departments. Dr Mohamed confirmed that the Device is working effectively and that the required examinations have been carried out for the first batch of seamen in the last few days ■

Outline of the Port of Halifax, the Gateway to Canada

- It is one of the deepest ports in the world.
- Strategically located.
- The closest port in the North American Continent to Europe.
- Its connections extend to Europe, the Mediterranean, the Middle East and Asia, as well as South America, Central America and the Caribbean.
- Its experience in commercial and maritime activities extend over 250 years.
- An internationally competitive port.
- It is known as the "Intelligent Port".
- The port owns and manages about 258 Hectares of the land inside and surrounding it.
- Halifax Port Corporation will invest in strategic development projects in the future.
- The Port's base consists of 23 quays and berths.
- The Port dealt with (12,238,908) metric tons of goods in the year 2007.
- The revenue of the Port amounted to about (670 US million Dollars) during the past year.



A marine Expert Recognizes the Achievements of the Technical Department



The marine expert and the ex-Port Officer at the Port of Aden, Captain Ali Ahmed Ali praised the engineering and technical Yemeni staff who succeeded in planning and implementing the repair and maintenance of large marine tugs

and fishing vessels on the main shipway of the Technical Department. He described such work as a great performance which will save the Corporation significant amounts financially in the costs of repairing and maintaining of large marine craft.

The former Aden Port officer delivered a letter of appreciation to the Director of the Technical Department at the Corporation, commenting on the importance of the achievements and the excellent results realized ■

Renovation of the Health Office and Repair of the Quarantine Island - Positive Results of the Meeting of the leaders of the Corporation and the Port Health Authority

The Executive Chairman of the Corporation, Engineer Mohamed Abdulla Mubarak Bin Aifan, issued the necessary instructions to the Departments and branches of the Corporation to implement the items of the minutes of the meeting signed with the Director General of Ports Health Authority in Aden, Dr. Mohamed Ali Al-Hatmi, and the consultant of the Health Office, Zaki Ahmed Qayed, in the office of the Executive Chairman at the Corporation's Headquarters on 25 May 2008.

The agreement concentrates on the implementation of a number of practical steps and procedures which serve the common interest, the most important of which are:

- The re-arrangement and refurbishment of the Port Health Authority Office in Tawahi, plus the repair



and maintenance of the Port Health Launch using the slipways and workshops of the Corporation's Engineering Department.

- Repair, rehabilitation and re-use of the Health Quarantine Island known as Flint Island

Historical Note:

Flint Island was known earlier as Jazirah Sheikh Ahmad. In 1847 it was being considered for use as a coaling depot. The idea was rejected because of the relatively shallow water around the island, the limited area available for development for this purpose, and the need to be able to place guns on the island for defense of the harbour. It was later used for quarantine purposes, where visitors to Aden who might be carrying dangerous infections could be isolated while their medical condition was checked ■

Arab News

The Omani Port of Salalah: Governmental Investment to raise its capacity to 6 Million Containers:

The Executive Chairman of the Salalah Company for Ports Services (Salalah Port) recently stated that "since the opening of Salalah Port, it has continued to work to become a leading port in innovation and development". He added that, "To guarantee the continuation of our success, we will introduce the necessary long term investments and to increase the capacity of the port".



Resolutions Concerning Appointments and assignments:



The Executive Chairman of the Corporation issued Administrative Resolution No. 60 which provided for the appointment of Engineer Alawi Hussein to carry out the tasks of the Assistant Deputy Director of the Wharves for Technical Affairs ■

Salalah Port is considered to be one of the fastest growing in the middle area of Western Asia, as it is situated very close to the routes of the major shipping lines sailing from east to west.

Expansion projects involve the construction of a sixth berth and breakwater to protect the harbour from waves. These are due to be completed by 2009, by which time the length of the fifth and sixth berths will be 969 meters with a depth alongside of 18 meters. These improvements will facilitate the berthing and handling of mega container vessels. The handling capacity of the Port has been raised from 2.5 million TEU in 2006 to 4.5 million TEU Containers in 2008. Throughput is expected to increase by 30% after the new berths and equipment becomes available ■

Visit by the Canadian Senate Delegation and Establishment of a Partnership between the Port of Halifax and Aden

The port expects a delegation from the management staff of the Halifax Corporation in Canada to visit Aden to investigate the benefits of coordination and partnership between the two ports in future. This step follows the visit paid by the Canadian Senate Council under the chairmanship of Mr. Nil Kansila, President of the Council, to the Port of Aden in mid-January as part of a formal visit to Yemen, and the expression of their strong admiration with what they have seen and their wish to promote

a closer relationship and to extend technical assistance in fields within the transport sector.



Halifax is considered to be the main port in Canada. It is distinguished by very strong capacity in its basic infrastructure, its diverse services



and wide range of activities. The leadership of the Yemen Gulf of Aden Ports Corporation is working hard to create the appropriate conditions that will allow Aden to benefit from the potential arising from this visit through the expertise of Canadian colleagues in the field of ports. The establishment of partnership relations and the coordination between the two ports is expected to serve the interests of the Port, the Corporation and the country ■

Port of Aden Container Throughput During (Jan - Apr 2008)

Month	Year	Ma'alla Container Terminal			Aden Container Terminal			Total Containers Handled	No. of Vessels
		No. of Vessels	Loaded (TEUs)	Discharged (TEUs)	No. of Ships	Loaded (TEUs)	Discharged (TEUs)		
Jan	2007	10	2,424	2,459	37	20,610	16,887	42,380	47
	2008	11	2,915	2,383	36	18,859	18,090	42,247	47
Feb	2007	18	2,215	1,682	33	13,612	14,130	31,639	51
	2008	11	2,293	2,401	31	14,544	15,270	34,508	42
Mar	2007	14	1,864	1,542	35	15,439	15,005	33,850	49
	2008	11	2,345	2,661	43	18,873	20,426	44,305	54
Apr	2007	10	2,823	2,741	39	21,380	20,133	47,077	49
	2008	8	2,108	2,015	36	19,344	17,748	41,215	44
Total	2007	52	9,326	8,424	144	71,041	66,155	154,946	196
	2008	41	9,661	9,460	146	71,620	71,534	162,275	187

Dhows Number & Dry Cargo Handled - (Jan - Apr 2008)

Details		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Total	
		Dry Cargo	Import	No. of Dhows	10	11	11
Tonnage	1,145			1,099	1,565	1,104	4,913
Export	No. of Dhows		18	10	11	14	53
	Tonnage		2,732	1,010	1,550	1,837	7,569

Total Dry cargo - (Jan - Apr 2008)

Details		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Total	
		Dry Cargo	Import	No. of Ships	25	24	31
Tonnage	168,494			114,291	371,464	112,287	766,536
Export	No. of Ships		14	14	14	10	52
	Tonnage		15,088	33,973	16,687	14,909	80,657

Dry Cargo Discharged During - (Jan - Apr 2008)

Type	wheat	Flour	Suger	Rice	Steel	Timber	Cement	General Cargo	*Others	Total
Jan	-	-	6,733	5,645	43,271	3,327	55,085	24,648	29,785	168,494
Feb	-	-	14,138	2,320	6,374	8,224	56,524	20,492	6,219	114,291
Mar	148,267	-	17,764	4,973	43,189	295	109,996	24,128	22,852	371,464
Apr	-	-	12,327	2,226	15,064	20,001	35,823	18,452	8,394	112,287
Total	148,267	0	50,962	15,164	107,898	31,847	257,428	87,720	67,250	766,536

*Includes: Beans, Frozen Cargo, Livestock, Equipments, Liquid in drums, Transit.

Dry Cargo Loaded During - (Jan - Apr 2008)

Type	Cotton	Salt	Fish	Iron Scrap	Wheat Bran	Foreign Export	Transshipment	**Others	Total
Jan	0	2,500	1,859	19	2,955	7,655	0	100	15,088
Feb	76	-	3,756	-	4,000	25,650	458	33	33,973
Mar	-	1,500	1,864	-	-	7,689	-	5,634	16,687
Apr	-	2,000	2,282	-	4,200	6,371	-	56	14,909
Total	76	6,000	9,761	19	11,155	47,365	458	5,823	80,657

** Includes: Gum, Tobacco, Head Skins, Internal Export, Transit.

No. of Ships Bunkered & Quantity of Bunkers Supplied (Jan - Apr 2008)

Details		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Total
		Fuel Oil	No. of Ships	18	17	21
Tonnage	6,807		3,642	7,371	4,775	22,595
Gas Oil	No. of Ships	36	64	88	52	240
	Tonnage	1,711	1,900	1,881	2,628	8,120

No. of Ships Calls According to Type - (Jan - Apr 2008)

Details	Container	RoRo	Bulk	General Cargo	Live Stock	Tanker	Fishing	Passenger	Other	Yachts	Total
No. of Ships	191	3	23	92	2	266	18	9	19	136	759
GRT	3,719,636	30,571	400,039	803,885	6,423	3,824,269	8,685	261,580	54,165	7,122	9,116,375
NRT	1,871,635	13,599	744,192	383,516	3,318	1,927,508	2,439	1166,641	25,342	4,532	5,092,722

Liquid Cargo Traffic at Aden Oil Harbuor - (Jan - Apr 2008)

Month	Crude Oil		Full Oil		Gas Oil		Kerosene		Mogas		Mixture		Naphtha		Total Tonnage	
	Export	Import	Export	Import	Export	Import	Export	Import	Export	Import	Export	Import	Export	Import	Export	Import
Jan	0	306,921	144,671	49,953	182,677	173,273	42,118	0	70,118	26,758	0	3,017	45,412	0	484,996	559,922
Feb	0	230,319	79,420	128,515	224,279	194,846	71,769	0	92,535	49,617	400	0	34,874	0	503,277	603,297
Mar	0	230,546	78,738	79,201	163,886	280,835	15,256	0	70,474	22,554	0	3,077	0	0	328,354	616,213
Apr	0	211,537	110,870	123,628	147,102	70,490	44,905	0	80,675	31,427	0	6,532	10,813	0	394,365	443,614
Total	0	979,323	413,699	381,297	717,944	719,444	174,048	0	313,802	130,356	400	12,626	91,099	0	1,710,992	2,223,046

No. of Ships Called - (Jan - Apr 2008)

Details	Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Total
		No. of Ships	2007	160	169	222
2008	174		196	218	171	759

No. of Ships & Quantity of Water Supplied - (Jan - Apr 2008)

(In Metric Tones)

Supplied by	Details	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Total
		Yemen Co. for Supplies & Shipping Ltd	No. of Ships	13	12	11
Tonnage	835		1260	1,255	747	4,097
Aden Bunkering Department	No. of Ships	38	18	17	47	120
	Tonnage	3384	2575	1,670	4,766	12,395
Aden Container Terminal	No. of Ships	7	2	6	2	17
	Tonnage	810	110	421	99	1,440
Total	No. of Ships	58	32	34	57	181
	Tonnage	5029	3945	3,346	5,612	17,932