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An Expression of Appreciation to the Minister of Transport and Chairman of the Corporation.

Ministerial Decree No.(6) of 2008 issued to establish casual staff within the Civil Service.

A number of former casual staff have been established as permanent staff members in the basic manpower service of the Corporation with effect from the current year 2008. They have expressed their feelings of indebtedness and high appreciation to this humanitarian step taken by His Excellency the Minister of Transport, and by the Executive Chairman of the Corporation in issuing Ministerial Decree No. (6) of 2008 confirming them as part of the permanent service of the Corporation after more than ten years in temporary and casual work..

This Decree was enacted following implementation of the necessary procedural, administrative and legal steps and the approval of the financial budget of the Corporation for the current year, included in the financial appropriations to cover the expenditures of the permanent manpower, in addition to the legal verdict by the Office of Civil Service and Insurance in Aden. The change was supported by the leaders of the Local Authority in Aden, who gave their prior written consent, and by the implementation of the election program of the President of the Republic Ali Abdulla Saleh ■

Strengthening the Relationship and Collaboration with the Corporation's most important partners

Monthly meetings are being held between senior members of the Corporation's Board and its partners in marine activities at the port, the owners and managers of shipping agencies representing international shipping companies.

The meetings are designed to encourage and strengthen dialogue between the two partners, to allow suggestions for improving services at the port to be carefully considered and help to find solutions to problems by rapidly implementing modern methods.

The progress made was reflected in the meeting held on 3rd February 2008 when a number of resolutions designed to improve and regulate services at the port were discussed and a timetable for their implementation agreed ■



A Canadian Congress Delegation pays a visit to the Port of Aden

In mid-January 2008 the Corporation arranged on a harbour tour for the Chairman of the Canadian Senate Mr. Nowel Cansella and his accompanying delegation to give them an appreciation of the potential of the Port of Aden, and in particular the importance of the Aden Container Terminal.




Resumption of calls by American President Line (APL) Ships to Aden

Direct calls by mainline American President Line ships to the Port of Aden will resume shortly. Ships of the APL fleet sailing from China and Singapore will call Aden at the rate of four ships per month initially.

Hussein Matloob, Director General of Saba International Shipping, told the Bulletin that the resumption of direct calls by mainline APL vessels can be expected to have a very positive impact on the Port of Aden.

APL is part of the large and growing Neptune Orient Line, based in Singapore. Mainline APL ships called Aden until the end of 2002 at the rate of up to 34 calls per month and the company was one of Aden's main customers. The rise in marine insurance rates at Yemeni ports caused the company to switch its mainline services to another port and we are delighted to learn that the company will return to Aden ■



Confidence at the Port of Aden Grows

Agreements relating to the use of Aden for container handling have been signed with a number of international container lines that approached the Port Corporation to renew their contracts for the coming year.

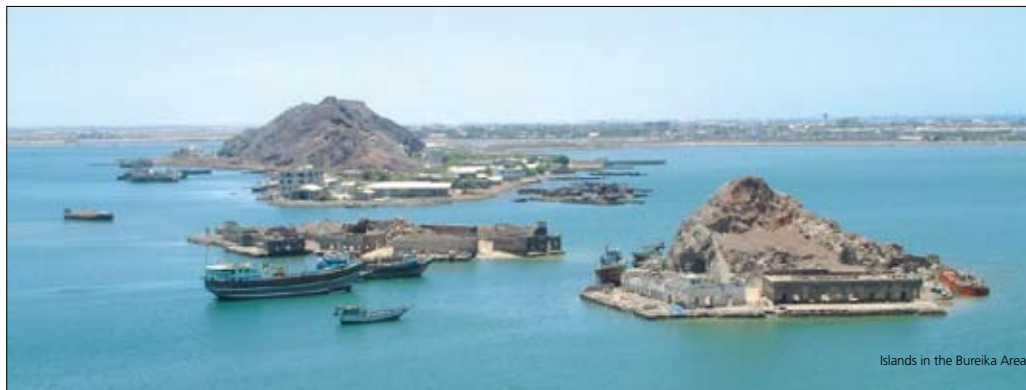


The Corporation is particularly pleased to record the signing of new contracts with the following major lines:

- PIL (Pacific International Line)
- COSCO (China Ocean Shipping Company)
- EMC (Evergreen Marine Corporation)
- APL (American President Line)

The visiting delegation consisted of a number of members of the Canadian Senate and staff from the protocol section, together with the Canadian ambassador responsible for Yemen, Mr. Ronald David, and the Canadian Consul in Aden, Mr. Ems Donfel. They were accompanied by Mr. Mayad Yafai, Deputy Director of Marketing and Information ■

The Islands in Aden



Islands in the Bureika Area

A field survey carried out in 2001 recorded 21 islands around the peninsulas of Aden, Little Aden and Ras Imran. The biggest of these is Al-Ummal Island in Aden Inner Harbour, which has incomplete coral reefs around it. Many areas around the islands are considered to be important fishing grounds. On several of the islands various activities are carried out, particularly at Al-Ummal and at Seera island, on the eastern side of the Aden Peninsula ■

Islands in Aden Inner Harbour



No.	Island's Name	District	Dimensions	Present Activities
1	Seera	Seera	230x500	Housing, Tourist facilities, restaurants, petrol station, fish landing harbour and fish market.
2	Donafah	Tawahi	5x10	None
3	Flint	Tawahi	10x20	Old building, occasional boat cleaning on the beach
4	Al-Lukham	Maalla	10x35	Old Fish Drying Stores. Dhow beaching, hull cleaning and painting
5	Kees Al-Hammal	Maalla	10x35	Old Fish Drying Stores. Dhow beaching, hull cleaning and painting
6	Marzak Kabir	Maalla	15x40	Coastguard Security building, Navigation Light
7	Aliah	Maalla	8x5	None
8	Al-Ummal	Khormaksar	250x700	Housing, Tourist facilities, stores, beaching areas for old vessels, Research Center, Fisheries Training Institute, Leading Light for harbour traffic, used as a site for Firework Displays.

Islands at Little Aden :

No.	Island's Name	Dimensions	Existing Activity
9	Al-Baidha	6x3	None
10	Al-Guzur	3x8	None
11	Habban	15x40	Location of an old stone building
12	Sall Kabir	5 x 15	Navigation Aid for ships
13	Sall Saghir	5 x 20	None
14	Gabal Al-Gazirah	50x150	Tourist facilities being constructed
15	Al-Nobah	3 x 10	None
16	Al-Guhb	10x20	None
17	Abu Shamlah	30x50	Location of a cemetery
18	Gabal Aziz	100x250	Temporary Huts for fishermen, recreation area
19	Saghirah	3x5	None
20	Taweela	3x7	None
21	Bahra	3x6	None

- Remarks: The area in square meters is approximately maximum breadth times length.
- All islands are rocky, with the exception of three which are rocky/sandy, Flint, Marzak Kabir, Gabal Aziz.
- Reference: (Report of the first study of the present status of the coastal area of Aden Governorate – August 2001, Engineer Gamal Bawazeer).

Islands in the Bureika Area



Delivery of the Largest Ever Wheat Cargo at the Port of Aden

The Maltese flag vessel Icolos Unity arrived Aden before noon on 22 January, 2008 to berth at the Aden Gulf Terminal. The ship was carrying 68 thousand tonnes of cereal (bulk wheat), which is the biggest food consignment ever delivered to the Port of Aden.



The Icolos Unity has a length of 225 metres overall, 32 meters beam and had an arrival draft of 13.5 meters. The Aden Gulf Terminal has received ships of up to 230 metres length overall in recent months and it has added significantly to the capacity of the port to handle large consignments of bulk materials ■



Forthcoming Events

Technical Committees to prepare and formulate the conditions and regulations of the Organizational Structure and Activities

Legal and technical committees are continuing their work in finalizing the project of the Regulations and Conditions of marine services and activities within the port, as well as the anticipated modifications to the revenues and charges of other services and facilities.

The special committee is likely to finish the preparation and formulation of the Organizational Structure of the Corporation in order to submit it to the Board of Directors for approval and adoption by the Ministry of Transport as a necessary step to enhance the legal and institutional situation of the Corporation ■

Activation of the Activities of the Marine Training Center locally and abroad

The Maritime Training Center operated by the Yemen Gulf of Aden Ports Corporation is seeing remarkable activity in the field of training and qualifying of trainees from the Corporation and local community for specialized technical and administrative training courses (computing – English language – Accountancy – Marine mechanical work – Marine engineering and communication).

In addition, Abdul Nasser Ali Abdul Latif Al-Ban, the acting director of the center, told the bulletin that the Center

is preparing to conduct theoretical courses to develop the awareness and appreciation by the Corporation's staff of maritime legal aspects, maritime transport and safety measures.

He added that under the direction of the leadership of the Corporation the management of the Center is endeavoring to obtain permission from the Ministry of Technical Education for certificates awarded by the Center



to be recognized locally and abroad. He added: "we are coordinating with international organizations in the field of International Marine Training" ■

Appointments and Assignments Resolutions



Mr. Fahd Mahmood Saleh Hamshari

The Prime Minister issued Decree No. 318 of 2007 confirming the appointment of **Mr. Fahd Mahmood Saleh Hamshari** – General Director of Human Resources at the Corporation.



Mr. Abdulla Mohamed Askar

Ministerial Resolution No. 53 was issued appointing **Mr. Abdulla Mohamed Askar** as Technical Advisor of the Corporation.



Mr. Adel Hassan Shawoosh

The Executive Chairman of the Corporation issued Administration Resolution No. 90 assigning to **Mr. Adel Hassan Shawoosh**, the duties of Deputy Director of Personnel Affairs and Public Relations.



Mr. Abdul Nasser Ali Abdul Latif Al-Ban

The Executive Chairman of the Corporation also issued an administrative resolution appointing **Mr. Abdul Nasser Ali Abdul Latif Al-Ban**, as Acting Director of Marine Training Center.

Maritime incidents in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden



In early December there were a number of maritime incidents in the southern Red Sea and Gulf of Aden. These included the grounding a livestock carrier south of Low Island in the Hanish Island group that unfortunately led to the deaths of 10,000 sheep. The vessel, passing south in the traffic separation scheme east of the Hanish Islands, had broken down and was carried onto the rocks by the strong SSE'ly winds. The crew of the ship were rescued.

At about the same time rough weather in the southern Red Sea led to the capsize of a dhow near Hodeidah. The dhow was carrying chemicals contained in plastic packages, thousands of which washed up onto the shore north of Hodeidah towards Ras Issa. These chemicals were

potentially dangerous to human activities in the area, and the Marine Emergency Mutual Aid Centre (MEMAC) run by the Regional Organization PERSGA, based in Jeddah, was alerted. Staff from the MEMAC came to Yemen to assist with the clean-up of the chemicals.

A third incident, in the Gulf of Aden, occurred early in the morning, east of Bab el Mandeb. A 333 metre long French flag tanker, the 'Samco Europe', was heading for the traffic separation scheme at Bab el Mandeb at a speed of 15 knots. The tanker was carrying 280,000 tones of oil for Rotterdam and was due to pass through the Suez Canal after discharging some of its oil at Ain Shukna to allow it to pass through the Canal. The collision happened just outside Yemen's territorial waters.

At 03:45 local time the tanker was hit on the starboard bow by a 300 meter long container ship, 'MSC

Prestige', Panamanian flag, headed for Mauritius, traveling at 25 knots. Because the two ships hit each other bow to bow forward of the collision bulkheads in each case, there was no reported oil pollution, although both ships were heavily damaged. The container ship sailed to Jebel Ali to unload all its containers before proceeding to Singapore for repair. The tanker unloaded its oil to smaller ships and went to Dubai on 01 January 2008 for repair.

Yemen's Maritime Affairs Authority is following up with the French and Panamanian maritime authorities to find out what caused the accident to happen. It will then be up to Yemen to determine what action might be taken in order to prevent any accidents of this kind in future ■



A tourist vessel master praises the quality of services and swift dealings



The master of the passenger ship "Astor", flying the Bahamian Flag, expressed his appreciation for the high standard of services and excellent performance provided for his vessel and passengers at the Port of Aden.

He noted the efficient services given to the passengers and his ship by the customs, immigration and health



authorities, and by staff at the port responsible for berthing and mooring the ship..

He expressed his wish that the same quality of care should be provided when the next ship operated by the same line, the "Astoria", calls at Aden in the near future ■

Shanghai Ports No. 2 in World Container Handling League in 2007

Containers handled in Shanghai Ports in 2007 exceeded 26 million TEUs following an increase of 20.4% over 2006. As a result Shanghai has become No. 2 in the world for the first time, overtaking Hong Kong Port. Shanghai now handles 23% of China's total container traffic. Statistics produced by the port show that Shanghai Ports are now handling in total 561 million tonnes of cargo and has now maintained the first position in the world for 3 successive years.

In 2007, Shanghai Ports opened 50 new international container berths. It is now linked with more than 500 ports in some 200 countries all around of the world ■

Controlling and Organizing the process of Boarding Vessels

On 8th January 2008, the Executive Chairman signed Administrative Resolution No. 5 of 2008 concerning the regulation of persons permitted to board vessels arriving at the Port of Aden. It mentioned those parties and individuals who are allowed to deal with the vessels. The resolution has defined the month of January 2008 as the starting date for its implementation.

This resolution has come about as a result of the discussions recorded in the minutes of the monthly meeting with marine agents held in December 2007 ■

Interview of the Minister of Transport by the 26th September newspaper



His Excellency the Minister of Transport, Mr. Khaled Ibrahim Al-Wazir, in an interview published in 26th September local newspaper on 10th January 2008, spoke about the achievements made so far by the Ministry of Transport within the National Strategy for port development ("Vision 2025") in a scientific and reviewed manner. He noted the work done in the preparation of the Ports Law for

ports in the Republic of Yemen, and the development of regulations covering port operations and activities.

In the interview he discussed the issues of the extension of berths, the deepening and widening of the access channel of the vital Port of Aden, noting the economic feasibility of the partnership with Dubai International Container Terminals in managing and developing the container terminals in

Aden. He stated that the Decree of the Council of Ministers No. 482 issued at the beginning of December 2007 defines the tangible benefits that have been secured through the Agreement with Dubai. He said that preparations are being made to complete the work needed to bring into reality the Agreement, which was signed in Dubai in the United Arab Emirates in mid-November 2007 ■

Board of Director's Meeting

New Year Meeting



Board of Directors of the Ports Corporation

The Board initiated 2008 by holding its first meeting of the year on 26th January at the head office of the Port of Aden, chaired by Engineer Mohamed

Abdulla Mubarak Bin Aifan, Executive Chairman and Chairman of the Board of Directors. The meeting was attended by other members of the board.

The Board discussed the draft final accounts for 2007, the evaluation of Corporation activities during 2007, regulation of the use of wharves in the harbour, average rate of loading and unloading cargoes, and approval of the budget estimates for 2008.

The Board postponed the review of regulations covering diving operations in the port, but discussed the electronic links needed between the corporation and shipping agents in order to activate a Deposit system with shipping agencies ■

Issue Character

GALAL ABDULLA AL-ASWADI



Consultant to the Planning and Statistics General Department in the Corporation.

Qualifications:

- B. Sc. in Navigation Science.
- B. Sc. in Marine Economy.

Occupied the following positions:

- Special grade Statistician
- Assistant Director of the Planning and Statistics Department.
- Acting Director of the Planning and Statistics Department.
- Director of the Planning and Statistics Department.

Galal is well known for his good conduct and manners throughout his long service.

Port of Aden Container Throughput During - 2007

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	2006	11	1,991	1,560	30	14,834	13,295	31,680	41
	2007	10	2,424	2,459	37	20,610	16,887	42,380	47
Feb	2006	10	1,478	1,405	26	9,566	9,505	21,954	36
	2007	18	2,215	1,682	33	13,612	14,130	31,639	51
Mar	2006	11	1,922	1,675	30	10,218	10,773	24,588	41
	2007	14	1,864	1,542	35	15,439	15,005	33,850	49
Apr	2006	9	1,252	1,321	31	13,883	14,057	30,513	40
	2007	13	1,875	3,029	38	17,724	18,375	41,003	51
May	2006	9	1,712	2,072	29	13,710	13,535	31,029	38
	2007	15	2,584	3,085	42	20,076	20,519	46,264	57
Jun	2006	9	2,170	2,412	29	13,975	15,928	34,485	38
	2007	14	3,059	2,646	38	17,944	21,075	44,724	52
Jul	2006	10	1,729	1,625	30	14,796	15,320	33,470	40
	2007	10	2,823	2,741	39	21,380	20,133	47,077	49
Aug	2006	9	2,716	3,404	36	21,426	20,774	48,320	45
	2007	12	2,391	2,127	42	21,312	23,193	49,023	54
Sep	2006	7	1,702	1,782	31	17,608	17,147	38,239	38
	2007	13	2,202	2,706	37	18,521	20,007	43,436	50
Oct	2006	11	2,410	2,343	30	14,378	14,798	33,929	41
	2007	12	1,937	2,909	36	19,056	19,357	43,259	48
Nov	2006	9	2,294	2,279	27	12,094	12,572	29,239	36
	2007	10	2,489	2,229	32	17,275	14,138	36,131	42
Dec	2006	10	1,373	1,637	37	17,342	19,289	39,641	47
	2007	10	2,925	2,068	39	19,622	19,924	44,539	49
Total	2006	115	22,749	23,515	366	173,830	176,993	397,087	481
	2007	151	28,788	29,223	448	222,571	222,743	503,325	599

Dry Cargo Discharged During - 2007

Type	wheat	Flour	Suger	Rice	Steel	Timber	Cement	General Cargo	*Others	Total
Jan	137,117	-	61,901	6,405	123,299	11,396	50,815	24,165	7,056	422,154
Feb	49,500	-	65	4,614	79,841	10,165	66,261	18,768	15,928	245,142
Mar	40,300	-	25	1,297	51,157	8,486	78,536	15,718	16,487	212,006
Apr	72,698	-	12,167	3,194	57,720	27,170	91,276	70,364	28,774	363,363
May	74,185	-	21,364	8,957	75,812	14,011	101,456	43,665	14,554	354,004
Jun	87,346	-	13,534	13,194	6,339	2,088	54,211	32,863	21,055	230,630
Jul	78,187	-	11,033	4,030	1,755	2,685	96,178	43,410	23,667	260,945
Aug	23,214	-	29,362	11,402	32,074	3,997	70,720	59,341	25,746	255,856
Sep	173,187	-	19,510	3,785	20,578	8,016	81,276	19,446	5,165	330,963
Oct	146,760	-	27,518	1,454	2,370	4,823	37,566	25,768	5,398	251,657
Nov	98,935	-	8,146	11,887	8,540	6,506	105,677	24,582	45,732	310,005
Dec	67,118	-	7,883	8,552	111,552	10,764	57,380	19,724	2,418	285,391
Total	1,048,547	-	212,508	78,771	571,037	110,107	891,352	397,814	211,980	3,522,116

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

Dry Cargo Loaded During - 2007

Type	Cotton	Salt	Fish	Iron Scrap	Wheat Bran	Internal Cargo	Foreign Export	Transshipment	**Others	Total
Jan	-	1,551	2,020	-	7,726	-	6,403	-	-	17,700
Feb	-	-	1,353	-	9,475	-	5,927	-	-	16,786
Mar	-	2,000	1,901	80	8,000	-	4,735	3,433	29	20,178
Apr	-	1,000	1,829	-	15,140	-	7,925	-	-	25,894
May	-	2,000	1,999	-	8,600	-	5,779	-	-	18,378
Jun	128	7,836	1,876	-	13,000	-	7,634	-	168	30,642
Jul	-	3,000	1,349	-	13,240	-	8,119	-	15	25,723
Aug	-	-	1,447	-	4,000	-	6,381	-	-	11,828
Sep	-	-	1,403	20	12,000	-	17,646	-	44	31,113
Oct	385	2,000	1,895	-	4,772	-	9,044	-	41	18,137
Nov	145	-	2,000	-	10,500	-	12,324	-	-	24,969
Dec	420	1,318	2,432	-	4,182	-	7,753	-	33	16,138
Total	1,078	20,705	21,504	100	110,635	-	99,670	3,433	361	257,486

** Includes: Gum, Tobacco, Head Skins.

No. of Ships Bunkered & Quantity of Bunkers Supplied - 2007

Details	Year												Total	
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec		
Fuel Oil	No. of Ships	14	23	12	19	15	18	28	33	18	15	18	9	222
	Tonnage	7,269	8,079	5,105	11,008	4,438	6,036	10,037	14,113	4,069	2,229	7,295	4,724	84,402
Gas Oil	No. of Ships	48	51	87	39	50	30	36	45	46	31	42	52	557
	Tonnage	2,717	1,977	2,065	8,235	2,335	1,634	2,792	2,753	1,781	5,572	2,286	2,661	36,808

Dhows Number & Dry Cargo Handled - 2007

Details	Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total				
															Import		Export	
															No. of Dhows	Tonnage	No. of Dhows	Tonnage
Dry Cargo	2007	12	13	12	13	8	4	4	6	11	10	10	31	134				
		774	1,618	1,363	2,053	1,260	344	831	981	1,126	518	676	1,083	12,627				
2006	12	17	16	5	14	5	5	7	7	11	14	23	136	2,288				
															3,185	5,700	1,017	1,428

Total Dry Cargo - 2007

Details	Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total				
															Import		Export	
															No. of Ships	Tonnage	No. of Ships	Tonnage
Dry Cargo	2007	35	31	31	32	35	23	23	32	27	23	28	27	347				
		422,154	245,142	212,006	363,363	354,004	230,630	260,945	255,856	330,963	251,657	310,005	285,391	3,522,116				
2006	14	14	14	14	16	13	16	12	15	13	13	14	168	17,700				
															16,786	20,178	25,894	18,378

Total Liquid Cargo - 2007

Details	Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total				
															Import		Export	
															No. of Ships	Tonnage	No. of Ships	Tonnage
Liquid Cargo	2007	10	9	14	12	12	14	11	12	11	16	14	10	145				
		566,538	475,986	647,060	561,979	532,031	581,264	580,489	655,989	512,067	593,541	515,349	555,588	6,777,881				
2006	46	51	51	35	53	50	46	53	55	47	46	56	589	366,171				
															459,960	468,169	299,791	407,285

No. of Ships Called - 2007

Details	Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
No. of Ships	2006	152	136	206	170	157	147	180	165	144	144	163	173	1937
	2007	160	169	222	185	187	158	164	186	178	163	187	175	2134

No. of Ships Calls According to Type - 2007

Details	Year	Container	RoRo	Bulk	General Cargo	Live Stock	Tanker	Fishing	Passenger	Other	Yachts	Total
No. of Ships	2006	601	17	92	323	6	786	88	12	54	155	2,134
	2007	11,983,770	122,705	1,742,806	3,902,822	3,551	12,538,802	21,410	280,132	248,517	43,527	30,8