



# PORT OF ADEN

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## Visit by a Delegation from the Chinese Maritime Forces and COSCO Line



At the main meeting room in the Corporation headquarters, the Executive Chairman of the Yemen Gulf of Aden Ports Corporation, Engineer Mohamed Abdulla Mubarak Ben Aifan, met a joint delegation from the Chinese Marine Forces led by General Dwawoon Kusheifan, Assistant of the General Staff of the Chinese Maritime Forces, and a commercial delegation, led by Mr. Zihawee, Director General of the major Chinese-owned navigation line COSCO, whose ships have been calling at Aden for some years.

A tour was arranged for the delegation to enable them to see the harbour basin and breakwater, the Ma'alla and Aden Container Terminals. The delegation was also briefed on the current capacity of the port, its expansion plans and its potential as a logistics center. After the harbour tour the Port Control Tower was visited to allow the delegation to make a Monitoring visit. They expressed their high admiration for the distinct advantages enjoyed by the

port, highlighting the strong level of security available and the possibility of making use of the services offered by the Port to Aden by Chinese Military Ships engaged in combating marine piracy.

The commercial delegation praised the services and facilities provided by the Port of Aden and emphasized the possibility of increasing the level of shipping and commercial activity by Chinese vessels using the harbour.

The Chairman explained the mechanism through which it would

be possible to develop the level of cooperation and of service provision to both Chinese commercial and military ships by the Port of Aden. He noted the efforts of the concerned national authorities with combating piracy, and that communications in these matters could be conducted through the normal diplomatic channels. The meeting was attended by officials from the Middle East Navigation Company, Agents of COSCO line in Yemen, and representative from the Coast Guard and Yemen's Maritime Forces ▲



## The Governor of Aden in an Inspection Tour:

The Executive Chairman of the Corporation Engineer Mohamed Abdulla Mubarak Ben Aifan received at office at the Headquarters, HE Dr. Adnan Omer Al-Gifri, Governor of Aden, who was accompanied by a number of officials from the Local Council in an inspection visit to check progress in work and activities at the Port ▲

## Delegation from the Indian Company EBL Logistics visits the Port of Aden:

The Executive Chairman met a delegation from EBL Logistics on Saturday 11 April 2009. The company was visiting Aden to investigate the possibility of entering into investment projects at the port.



The Executive Chairman reviewed the opportunities available, such as stevedoring, supplying ships with fuel and drinking water, as well as the management and operation of ship repair work.

EBL is considered to be one of the leading international companies in the field of shipping administration and

cargo logistics. It has experience extending over more than 35 years in India, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates ▲

## Corporation meets with Agents and Shipping Company Representatives for discussions

The Deputy Chairman of the Board of Directors, Mohamed Abdulla Abdul Salam Sabrah, presided over a very important meeting that brought together the leadership of the Corporation with the representatives and agents of the shipping companies and agencies operating at the Port of Aden. The meeting was also attended by the Marine, Wharf, Finance, Marketing and Planning Directors.



It was held at the main meeting hall of the Corporation's Headquarters in April, 2009.

The meeting was conducted in a spirit of responsibility and transparency, with the topics tabled getting a positive reaction. The issues and constraints which adversely impact the progress of port activities from time to time were discussed, and means of solving them and avoiding future problems, while complying with the legal requirements that have been established to organize the work and activities taking place at the Port.

At the end of the meeting, those present expressed their appreciation for the performance of the wharf and marine departments, and praised the high level of security at the wharves ▲

## New building Project at the Corporation's Headquarters.



Under Government financing the Rageh Contracting Company was awarded a tender to construct a two story extension of the Corporation's offices on land cleared for the purpose at the eastern end of the present building in Tawahi. The extension will meet Corporation requirements and assist it in fulfilling its tasks.

The building was designed by the Corporation's Technical Department, who are also supervising construction, under Engineer Galal Mohamed Abdul Hameed and Engineer Mohamed Hussein.

Engineer Galal has informed the Bulletin that the design maintains the old and new building styles so that the extension will be in harmony with the existing structure.

It is expected that the project will be completed within 12 months ▲



## Very Large Oil Tankers change their route from the Suez Canal to the Cape of Good Hope

To avoid the risk of piracy attack along the Somali coastline, some of the largest oil tanking Companies have changed the routes of their vessels to the Cape of Good Hope instead of taking the shorter route through the Suez Canal and the Gulf of Aden.

The Danish company IP Moller or Maersk Line, one of the largest shipping companies in the World, announced that it has decided to re-route some of its vessels via the Cape of Good Hope and South Africa.

The Company said in one of its statements , "slow vessels and those with low freeboards can be easily boarded by pirates, and we are therefore taking an alternative route". Maersk vessels will take the Cape route, passing Madagascar, or join the Group Transit schemes for ship transiting via the Gulf of Aden when these are available.

Mr Sourin Soco, Member of the Executive Council of the company, which owns 50 oil tankers, said that piracy in the Gulf of Aden is an international security question, which must be tackled by the International Community. He added, "It is not a problem that could be tackled by Moller/Mearsk or the cargo carrying sector alone.

On its part, the oil tanker organization Intertanko said that many of the oil tanking companies now avoid the Suez Canal because of the spread of pirates along the Somali Coastline. Intertanko said that it supports the many oil tanking companies who have announced their intention of avoiding the Gulf of Aden to use instead the route via the Cape of Good Hope.

Intertanko emphasized the need for urgent moves by governments to safeguard vital commercial routes by providing a larger marine and military support with a clear authorization to combat piracy and arrest pirates and to bring them before the courts ▲



## Technical Specification of the Corporation's Main Slipway

The main slipway was built over four decades ago in 1964 together with other medium and small size slipways. These are capable of lifting different types of boats used at the Port of Aden.

The length of the cradle on the slipway is thirty meters and its width fourteen meters. The maximum carrying capacity is about 850 tons according to the data provided when the slipway was constructed.



The slipway carriage is powered by a high voltage electricity. The slipway has occasionally suffered damage during its lifetime, in addition to natural wear and tear, but has been well maintained.

In addition, the area beyond the lower end of the slipway has recently been deepened by the Corporation dredger.

This has created a channel 16 meters wide extending from the end of the slipway to a mooring buoy in deeper water so that the full capacity of the slipway is available for larger vessels ▲

## Prize for the Best Arab Maritime Port:

### The Arabian Sea Ports Federation studies the Criterion for this Award

The Board of Directors of the Arabian Sea Ports Federation decided at its 37th session held in Cairo to study the awarding of a prize for the best Arab Port. The secretary general of the Federation has forwarded a letter in this connection to all Arabian ports who are members in the Federation and a questionnaire, in the form of a matrix, listing a number of standards, performance indicators and conformity to international standards for port and ship security. The matrix also covers strategic plans for port development, as well as the annual growth records and the use of an electronic management system, the extent to which rules, laws and legislation has been developed, the port's accident record, evaluation of the environmental situation and general safety at the port, application of the unified tariff scale, the quality criteria and contribution in serving the local community ▲

## The Ideal Employee

On the occasion of the First of May "Labour Day" the monthly bulletin has decided to present the profile of one of our key staff members:

- **Name of Staff member:** Ali Saleh Mohamed Ghaleb
- **Post:** Archives Clerk
- **Distinctions:** Good manners, precision in carrying out his duties, loyalty. He is always ready to execute additional tasks and enjoys the respect and appreciation of his seniors and colleagues.
- This staff member is selected as a "key staff member" for this issue. He always meets you with a smile and is ready to cooperate

and offer assistance at all times. He is one of the most active staff members in the general archives section of the Corporation and specializes in dealing with inward and outward mail, in addition to his proficiency in classifying and filing internal correspondence and references.



- For these and his other qualities, he is selected for the position of "key staff member" in this issue of the bulletin.



**DP WORLD**

Aden Container Terminal

## DP World is upbeat on Aden's Prospects

"Aden is a key domestic cargo gateway for Yemen and has been experiencing an average annual growth rate in domestic throughput of around 18% over the past seven years", says Capt. Faisal Al Qahtani, senior vice president and managing director of DP's Middle East region. "In addition, the Port of Aden is strategically located to capture significant growing regional transshipment volumes. We are excited about the growth potential for Aden over the long term."

Piracy, he concedes, "is a concern to us and needs a solution". "However, we don't see piracy as a real issue in the short term. Because of the strong domestic growth in Yemen, there will continue to be a demand for ships to call at Aden

The agreement signed in July 2008, is based on a long-term joint venture between DP World and the Yemen Gulf of Aden Corporation. DP will operate and develop the container facilities; the joint venture is committed to investing a total of \$220m within five years, including building a 400 meter berth extension to Aden Container Terminal ▲

## Maintenance and Repair of Djibouti's Tugs at the Engineering Department of the Port of Aden

The Technical Team in the Technical-Engineering Department of the Yemen Gulf of Aden Ports Corporation in the Port of Aden has completed the repair and maintenance of the first tug, the Sultan L.Boko, belonging to the marine fleet of the Port of Djibouti. This is an important first practical step in offering such services to an adjacent port in a neighboring Arab country. It is expected that tugs will arrive successively for maintenance at the main slipway in the Technical Department. The Technical Team carried out the repairs on the propulsion and steering systems, replaced the cathodic protection anodes and repaired the defected right side of the tug. The team also carried

out painting and other technical work. The agreement between the Department of the Port of Aden and the Port of Djibouti comes within the framework of continuing cooperation between the two sides. The Technical Team, led by Chief Engineer Yasser Al-Kubati had gained important technical experience during previous operations using the Marine Department slipway which he had supervised. The Technical Department, under its director Engineer Qahtan



Ba'awdhah, is experiencing an upsurge in activity and has achieved a greatly improved results ▲

## Tunisia intends to establish a new deep water port, in 2009

Tunisia Ports Authority announced that it intends to establish deep-water port with investment of 4.1 billion Euros, in Enfidha region east of the capital.

The Tunisian government has set Dec., 25<sup>th</sup> as a deadline for submission of tenders, and the investor will be announced by the second quarter of 2009. It is expected that the port works will be started by the end of 2009. It is worth mentioned that Enfidha port is considered the most important project that Tunisia try to achieved because of its strategic location at the crossroads of maritime routes in the Mediterranean Sea, which provides more than one fifth of world trade, where 300 commercial ships pass daily.

The government news agency said the investors represent five countries, two of them from UAE and two from Kuwait as well as investors from Canada, Italy, Denmark and Portugal. The sources confirmed that the UAE firm, Dubai Ports World are among competing companies that seek to win construction project of the port ▲



## Unprecedented Results

### Corporation Trainees listed in the top graduates of Arab Academy, Alexandria



Qais Abdullah Saeed



Ziad Anis Mehdi



Hossam Farouk Abdullah Sadaqa



Wadhah Ahmed Saleh Muthanna

awarding the degree of Bachelor of Maritime Navigation and Second Officer Certificates (Unrestricted), as follows:

**First place:**  
Qais Abdullah Saeed

**Second place:**  
Ziad Anis Mehdi

**Third place:** Hossam Farouk Abdullah Sadaqa

**Ranked tenth:** Wadhah Ahmed Saleh Muthanna

The leadership of the Corporation has decided to give special prominence to the port of Aden, and is particularly pleased at the special honors given to their graduates through this award of excellence. It is a gift to carry these Yemeni scholars forward, with the proud support of the corporation. We congratulate them on this remarkable success and wish them even greater success in their careers, both scientifically and professionally ▲

Yemeni graduates took the first three places at the class graduating from the Arab Maritime Academy, being awarded honors certificates in the area of maritime navigation. Their graduate research thesis, titled Piracy and the Challenges facing the Horn of Africa, was very highly rated.

The Board of the Faculty of Maritime Transport in the Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport, in Alexandria, Egypt, published its decision in its Academic publication in February 2009 graduates,

## Sharp Drop in Containers handled in American Ports

American Ports of New York and New Jersey have experienced a sharp decrease in the volume of containers handled at the end of 2008. The two port authorities stated that they have recorded a drop of 25% in container activity during December compared with the same month last year. Imports had dropped by 11% and exports by around 10% in November. The statistical reports recently published attributed the cause of this fall to the international economic and financial crisis ▲

## A Republican Decree to Appoint a Deputy Chairman for the Yemen Gulf of Aden Ports Corporation

Republican decree No. 48 of 2009 was issued appointing Mohamed Abdulla Abdul Salam Sabrah to the post of Deputy Chairman of the Board of Directors. Mr Sabrah has worked as a lecturer in the Arab Academy for Sciences, Technology and Marine Transportation in Alexandria, Egypt, after obtaining his BSc Degree in International Transport and Logistics with the grade excellent and honors rank. He was then awarded his MSc in International Commercial Legal Transactions in Logistics with grade excellent and honor. For three years from 2006 to 2008 he held the position of Director General of Salif Port. The leadership of the Corporation and staff gave an enthusiastic welcome the Deputy Chairman and look forward to working closely with him as he makes his contribution to one of Yemen's key economic activity centers.



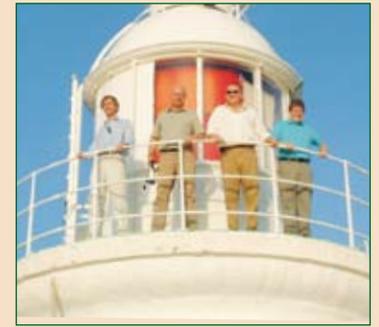
## Staff Profile:



**Name:** Mohamed Ali Shaef Ben Atef

**Post:** Chairman of the Lighthouse Section at Gold Mohur

**Started Work at the Port:** 16/10/1982



Started as Lighthouse laborer, was promoted to Lighthouse Controller, then Assistant Supervisor and finally Chairman of the Lighthouse Section. He is one of those who fought for Independence. Recently, he was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation from the Technical and Engineering Section in recognition of his loyalty and diligence, as well as the efforts he has made to keep the Elephant's Back lighthouse look in a remarkable condition, which has been commented on by many international visitors.

### Port of Aden Container Throughput During (Jan - Feb 2009)

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	2008	11	2,915	2,383	36	18,859	18,090	42,247	47
	2009	10	2,701	2,138	28	13,261	12,986	31,086	38
Feb	2008	10	2,293	2,401	31	14,544	15,270	34,508	41
	2009	12	2,056	2,044	34	15,165	14,685	33,950	46
Total	2008	21	5,208	4,784	67	33,403	33,360	76,755	88
	2009	22	4,757	4,182	62	28,426	27,671	65,036	84

### Dry Cargo Discharged During (Jan - Feb 2009)

Type	wheat	Flour	Suger	Rice	Steel	Timber	Cement	General Cargo	*Others	Total
Jan	68,922	-	15,965	3,293	30,512	10,304	15,935	21,059	11,764	177,754
Feb	75,201	-	20,867	5,304	28,490	7,825	67,538	20,397	12,400	238,022
Total	144,123	0	36,832	8,597	59,002	18,129	83,473	41,456	24,164	415,776

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

### Dry Cargo Loaded During (Jan - Feb 2009)

Type	Cotton	Salt	Fish	Wheat Bran	Transhipment	Cement	**Others	Total
Jan	0	2,500	1,310	2,006	0	0	6786	12,602
Feb	0	0	2,153	12,500	0	12,520	6,175	33,348
Total	0	2,500	3,463	14,506	0	12,520	12,961	45,950

\*\* Includes: Gum, Tobacco, Head Skins, G. Cargo, Iron Scrap.

### No. of Ships Calls According to Type - (Jan - Feb 2009)

Details	Container	RoRo	Bulk	General Cargo	Live Stock	Tanker	Fishing	Passenger	Other	Yachts	Total
No. of Ships	89	0	12	56	0	151	6	2	20	12	348
GRT	2,145,309	0	268,028	780,959	0	2,453,712	2,705	128,0092	185,417	673	5,964,895
NRT	1,060,311	0	159,024	392,429	0	1,128,457	1,430	70,722	97,814	413	2,910,600

### Liquid Cargo Traffic at Aden Oil Harbuor - (Jan - Feb 2009)

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	197,345	102,557	77,179	150,494	82,534	51,628	0	73,443	0	0	0	0	0	378,122	357,058
Feb	0	284,365	114,052	152,173	173,397	164,578	55,466	0	77,003	22,687	0	0	0	0	419,918	623,803
Total	0	481,710	216,609	229,352	323,891	247,112	107,094	0	150,446	22,687	0	0	0	0	798,040	980,861

### No. of Ships & Quantity of Water Supplied - (Jan - Feb 2009)

Supplied by	Details	Jan	Feb	Total
		No. of Ships	15	10
Yemen Co. for Supplies & Shipping Ltd	Tonnage	1,480	880	2,360
	No. of Ships	25	50	75
Aden Bunkering Department	Tonnage	3,436	3,166	6,602
	No. of Ships	2	1	3
Aden Container Terminal	Tonnage	255	155	410
	No. of Ships	42	61	103
Total	Tonnage	5,171	4,201	9,372

### Port Traffic for 2009

Details		Jan	Feb	Total	
No. of Ships	2009	149	199	348	
	2008	174	196	370	
<b>Dry Cargo</b>					
Export	No. of Ships	2009	11	17	28
		2008	14	14	28
	Tonnage	2009	12,602	33,348	45,950
		2008	15,088	33,973	49,061
Import	No. of Ships	2009	24	27	51
		2008	25	24	49
	Tonnage	2009	177,754	238,022	415,776
		2008	168,494	114,291	282,785
<b>Liquid Cargo</b>					
Export	No. of Ships	2009	44	46	90
		2008	53	57	110
	Tonnage	2009	378,122	419,918	798,040
		2008	484,996	503,277	988,273
Import	No. of Ships	2009	6	14	20
		2008	13	12	25
	Tonnage	2009	357,058	623,803	980,861
		2008	559,922	603,297	1,163,219
<b>Dhows</b>					
Export	No. of Ships	2009	14	16	30
		2008	18	10	28
	Tonnage	2009	1,940	3,702	5,642
		2008	2,732	1,010	3,742
Import	No. of Ships	2009	13	19	32
		2008	10	11	21
	Tonnage	2009	607	1,148	1,755
		2008	1,145	1,099	2,244
<b>Passenger Ships</b>					
No. of Ships	2009	-	-	0	
	2008	1	-	1	
No. of Passengers	2009	-	-	0	
	2008	505	-	505	
<b>Bunkering</b>					
<b>Fuel / Gas</b>					
No. of Ships	2009	22	53	75	
	2008	42	74	116	
Fuel Oil Bunkered (Tonnage)	2009	909	1,136	2,045	
	2008	1,930	1,108	3,038	
Gas Oil Bunkered (Tonnage)	2009	857	1,055	1,912	
	2008	972	1,629	2,601	
Fuel & Gas Oil Bunkered (Tonnage)	2009	1,670	2,218	3,888	
	2008	5,516	3,058	8,574	
<b>Water Supplied</b>					
No. of Ships	2009	42	61	103	
	2008	58	32	90	
Water Supplied (Tonnage)	2009	5,171	4,201	9,372	
	2008	5,029	3,945	8,974	
<b>Containers</b>					
No. of Ships Container	2009	38	41	79	
	2008	47	46	93	
No. of Container Handled	2009	31,086	33,874	64,960	
	2008	42,247	34,508	76,755	