

## Vladivostok Container Terminal throughput up 30.7pc in January

THE throughput of Vladivostok Container Terminal increased 30.7 per cent year on year to 19,304 TEU in January, reported Portnews News Agency. Exports came to 7,453 TEU while imports stood at 4,697 TEU. Cabotage accounted for 7,154 TEU while reefer throughput totalled 2,643 TEU. In January 2010, the terminal handled 35 vessels, two more than in December 2009. Average turnaround of one vessel was 552 TEU. **Source : Schednet**

## Maritime and Coastguard agency detain ship with cracked hull blocked by a rag

The Russian registered cargo vessel **Baltiyskiy 110** has been issued with a Detention Notice due to failure to comply with merchant legislation in Fowey, Cornwall. A Port State Control Inspector visited the vessel and after a preliminary inspection detained the vessel due to the ship having a hole in the port side hull plating into the number 2 water ballast tank.

The vessel also has 2 major conformities recorded against the International Safety Management Code. The vessel had sailed from two previous ports with this hull damage with the company instructing the master to continue its voyages. Tony Heslop, Area Operations Manager (South West) of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency said: This is a very serious breach of International Maritime Legislation and the vessel after inspection was detained. Our inspector will carry out a further detailed inspection of this with a surveyor from the classification society. The vessel will not be released from detention until all items found are rectified to the required International Standards. **Source: NDS**

## 45 Tonne Bollard Pull ASD Tug Delivered

"**Soco**" (ex-**Ulupinar VIII**), the third of three newbuilding Robert Allan Ltd. design 45 tonne bollard pull compact ASD tugs, has been delivered by Sanmar Denizcilik Makine of Istanbul, Turkey to Caucedo Marine Services, Ltd. of Boca Chica, Dominican Republic. Caucedo Marine owns the sister-tug "**Haina**" which was delivered in 2008. The "**Soco**" will be fully operated by Remolcadores Dominicanos, owner of the sister-tug "**Nizao**" built last year. The 24.4m x 9.1m x 4.0m "**Ulupinar**" series tugs are powered by a pair of CAT 3512TA diesels developing a total of 3,300BHP at 1,800RPM to aft-mounted US-155 fixed pitch Rolls Royce azimuthing drives. "**Soco**" is named after a river in the eastern part of Dominican Republic.



The RINA C+ Hull & Machinery classed tug is fitted with Rolls-Royce Rauma Brattvaag hydraulic towing winches fore and aft, Data hydraulic 8" towing pins and a Data hydraulic 45 tonne SWL quick-release tow hook. Two Volvo-Penta diesel generators provide electrical power.

A representative of **Marcon International, Inc.** of Coupeville, WA, who brokered the construction of the three ASD tugs, attended the sea-trials and handover of the tug. As with the previous two sister-tugs "**Haina**" and "**Nizao**", the new Owners are sailing the "**Soco**" on it's own bottom over 5,300 nautical miles from Tuzla, Turkey to Santo Domingo, where she will be employed primarily in

ship assist work.

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Sanmar, still a family-run firm, was founded in Istanbul in 1976 and in 1978 began operating tugs, mooring and pilot boats of the BOTAS Pipeline Corporation located in Southern Turkey. Sanmar first became involved with new construction in 1982 and the first tug of Sanmar's own fleet, the "**Sanmar I**" was built in 1990. "Soco's" sister-tug, the "Max" was also recently delivered to Hans Schramm & Sohn of Germany. Sanmar has built over 80 tugs with over 50% of the vessels sold internationally. Sanmar-built tugs can be found in fleets world-wide in Italy, Norway, Russia, Germany, Mexico, U.K. France, Martinique and .Dominican Republic. Several newbuilding tugs from 30 tonnes up to 65 tonnes bollard pull continue under construction.

Remolcadores Dominicanos is a thirty-seven year old, privately owned harbor and deep-sea towing company operating a fleet of over a dozen tugs between 400 and 5,500BHP, three line-handling launches and a number of tank barges based at ports in the Dominican Republic and offering coverage of the Caribbean Sea, Southern Bahamas islands and adjacent North Atlantic waters. Founded in 1973 in the port of Santo Domingo by the two leading shipping agency firms Baez & Rannik and Frederic Schad, Remolcadores Dominicanos began life with one 1200HP World War II, ex-U.S. navy diesel electric tug, the "**Saona**" (ex-YTB 389) which served the company reliably until the end of 1989.

**Marcon International, Inc.** has sold Remolcadores Dominicanos and Caucedo Marine Services, Ltd. several other tugs and tank barges over the years, in addition to three newbuildings



The **VIKING** arrived with Allseas **TOG MOR** in Willemstad (Curacao)  
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## Main shareholders of Ge-eX Logistics start new venture in temperature-controlled 45ft reefer transport:

### Ge-Fresh Logistics

After the successful launch in May 2007 of Ge-eX Logistics, which provides door-to-door multimodal container transport services on key European routes, the majority shareholders in this company have decided to expand into the temperature-controlled sector with the launch of Ge-Fresh Logistics.