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TUG AND PILOT BOATS STRIKE ACTION BEGINS IN ARGENTINA

Inchcape Shipping Services (ISS), the world's leading maritime services provider, is warning of tug and pilot boats strike action in Argentina following a work to rule notification by the AB Union (SOMU).

The union first began the work to rule action at Bahia Blanca port on 31 July 2012, with no advised completion date. The strikes will mean that the tug and pilot boat service will only be available from Monday to Friday 0700 to 1100 hours, 1300 to 1700 hours, and on Saturday from 0700 to 1100 hours. No service will be available on Sundays or bank holidays.

It is anticipated that the work to rule action might be applied by the union at all ports in Argentina where tugs are compulsory, including Buenos Aires, Dock Sud, La Plata, Necochea and terminal del Guazu with pilot boats likely to also follow suit.

ISS Argentina will keep clients informed of any developments in the action and will advise them how to mitigate the impact to their normal operations.

Source: The Maritime Executive



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SHIPPING, BUNKERING DISRUPTED BY TAIWAN TYPHOON

Taiwan's Central Weather Bureau has said a severe weather warning for Typhoon Saola is still in effect after it hit landfall this morning. There were reports of severe disruption to shipping and bunkering operations in Taiwan, with all ports except Kaohsiung in the west coast of the country closed with cargo operations suspended.

Typhoon Saola hit landfall early today near the port of Hualien and was expected to pass near the northern port city of Keelung with sustained winds of 118 km/h and gusts of 155 km/h being reported. Earlier in the week, Typhoon Saola caused flooding from torrential rain in the Philippines. There have been 23 fatalities and 129 people, mostly fishermen, have been rescued this far.



Source: Ship & Bunker

PORT NEHRU TERMINAL HIT BY CRANE COLLAPSE

A recent container crane collapse at India's Jawaharlal Nehru Container Terminal (Nhava Sheva Port) is wreaking havoc on berthing schedules of vessels calling at the country's top box gateway. *"The terminal is running behind schedule by more than five days,"* a senior OOCL India official said.

The Hong Kong-based liner company, which operates the Indamex Service connecting Nhava Sheva and key ports on the U.S. East Coast, said vessels under the fixed-day berthing window scheme are severely affected because of extended port stays and low productivity. The Indamex service, which offers weekly calls at JNCT, is a vessel-sharing agreement among five major carriers, including Hapag-Lloyd, CMA CGM, APL and NYK Line.

Local shipping sources said several vessels were stranded at the outer anchorage, and many more were scheduled to arrive. The port-run JNCT is one of three container-handling facilities in Nhava Sheva Port, which moves nearly 60 percent of India's containerized traffic.

Source: The Journal of Commerce

TAMPA PA ACQUIRES LAND FOR EXPANSION

The Tampa Port Authority has announced the purchase of 110 acres for cargo and other maritime purposes, adjacent to its Port Redwing facilities in south Hillsborough County.



The US\$8.9 million purchase from South Bay Corp. and Industrial Park, Inc., will enable the port authority to move ahead with plans to expand the state's largest port, develop the land for cargo terminals and distribution, as well as cargo generating industrial manufacturing activities.

The site is adjacent to the CSX mainline and will enable the port to extend direct rail connections to Port Redwing. In combination with Port Redwing, the Tampa Port Authority will focus on attracting port related manufacturing, industrial and distribution activities generating export and import cargoes.

Source: Port Technology

APM TERMINALS TO BUILD TERMINAL IN MEXICO

APM Terminals has signed a 32-year concession contract to design, finance, build, operate and maintain a container terminal at Mexico's Port of Lazaro Cardenas. The Netherlands-based terminal operator will start construction by September.

The first phase of the project, with a pricetag of more than \$300 million, is set for completion in 2015. The concession calls for a phased expansion. The entire project is projected to require an investment of more than \$900 million. Phase 1 will include a 106-acre container yard and a 2,150-foot quay with seven super post-Panamax cranes that will reach across 23 rows of containers. Additional facilities will include an administration building, warehouse, gates, on-dock rail facilities, and electrical yard cranes.

Once the final phase is completed, the terminal will cover 250 acres, with 4,900 feet of quay and water depth of more than 54 feet along the channel. APM

Terminals Lazaro Cardenas S.A. de C.V. successfully bid for the project last December. The company has signed a design-build contract with Mexico-based Empresas ICA, which also is also minority shareholder in the concessionaire company.

Source: The Journal of Commerce



CROWLEY INTRODUCES LCL LOGISTICS SERVICES TO COLOMBIA

Crowley Maritime Corporation's logistics group announced on Wednesday that it has expanded its logistics services to include LCL ocean and air cargo lifts along with customs brokerage services to Cartagena, Colombia, from several points within the U.S., including the company's Miami; San Juan, Puerto Rico, and Colon, Panama, distribution centers.

The company's Houston-based, freight forwarding and export-packing subsidiary, Jarvis International Freight, will also service the Colombia trade lane from its Gulf Coast location. Cargo arriving in Cartagena can be trucked under Crowley's coordination to Medellin, Cali and Bogota. These new offerings will further enhance supply chain options for those shipping directly into the Eastern Caribbean from Colombia and will complement Crowley's existing full-container-load (FCL) ocean services from

the U.S. and its shipping and logistics services from Puerto Rico into the Caribbean and Central America regions.

Source: World Maritime News



PANALPINA EXPECTS FURTHER GROWTH ON ASIA TRADES



Panalpina expects further growth on its intra-Asia and Asia-Latin America trades by air and sea in the coming months. *"Intra Asia is now among our top three trade lanes in ocean freight,"* said a spokesman. Panalpina's FCL Asia-Latin America trade also flourished in the first half of the year, up approximately 25 percent east-bound and 20 percent westbound compared to a year earlier. The trade also saw growth in air freight, despite the bearish state of global air cargo markets. Panalpina's Asia-Latin America westbound volumes surged more than 50 percent year-on-year in the first half of 2012. *"Asia to Latin America eastbound volumes decreased but this trade lane did particularly well in terms of profitability,"* the spokesman said.

Source: The Journal of Commerce

PORT OF NY & NJ TO REWARD 'GREENER' VESSELS

The Port of New York and New Jersey has become the latest port to offer financial incentives to ship operators that use their newest and cleanest vessels when calling the port. The three year, US\$4.875 million Ocean-Going Vessel Clean-Vessel Incentive (CVI) program aims to encourage ship operators to improve their engines, use cleaner fuels, and upgrade their technology to reduce emissions from ocean-going vessels, which are the largest source of air pollutants at port-related facilities.

The Port Authority anticipates approximately 600 vessels a year will participate in the CVI program, which will provide annual emission reductions of 182.2 tons of nitrogen oxide, 38.3 tons of particulate matter, and 264.1 tons of sulfur dioxides.



Source: Port Technology

MARITIME COMPANIES SIGN TRAINING PACT WITH UNIVERSITY

To reinforce the training of students of the Faculty of Maritime Transport (FATRAMAR) to comply with the requirement of professional practice, the Panama International Maritime University (UMIP) signed three cooperation agreements with major companies in the industry. The agreements made by the faculty afford an opportunity to put into practice the knowledge acquired during studies.



The objective is to establish agreements with the companies for a chronological program of internships that allow students to develop an effective link between knowledge and skills acquired during their education, and to find opportunities for them to develop their skills and competence in an environment of occupational training. Those companies have supported the academic management developed by the UMIP and reiterate their support agreements ensuring the training of students in the area of their academic fields through specific tasks set by the responsible company.

Source: The Bulletin Panama