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Chiapas to have new minerals terminal

The new minerals terminal at the Mexican port of Chiapas, which will cover an area of 18,500 m², will have the ability to store around 25,000 tonnes of materials at any one time. Initially, monthly exports are expected to amount to 25,000 tonnes. Eventually, this quantity is expected to be handled weekly. The tender for the terminal was published in early August. *BC*

Lazara Cardenas bulk terminal starts operations

The new TPP bulk handling facility at the Mexican port of Lazaro Cárdenas has commenced operations. It's the first and only terminal of its type at the port. Investment has been in the order of \$55 million and regular operations are due to commence at the beginning of December.

The terminal, which covers an area of 25ha, is being developed in two stages. At the beginning of September, the first berth, which has alongside draught of 16.5m, will be put into operation and able to accommodate vessels of up to 180,000dwt.

Lazaro Cárdenas is the only port in Mexico able to accept vessels of this size.

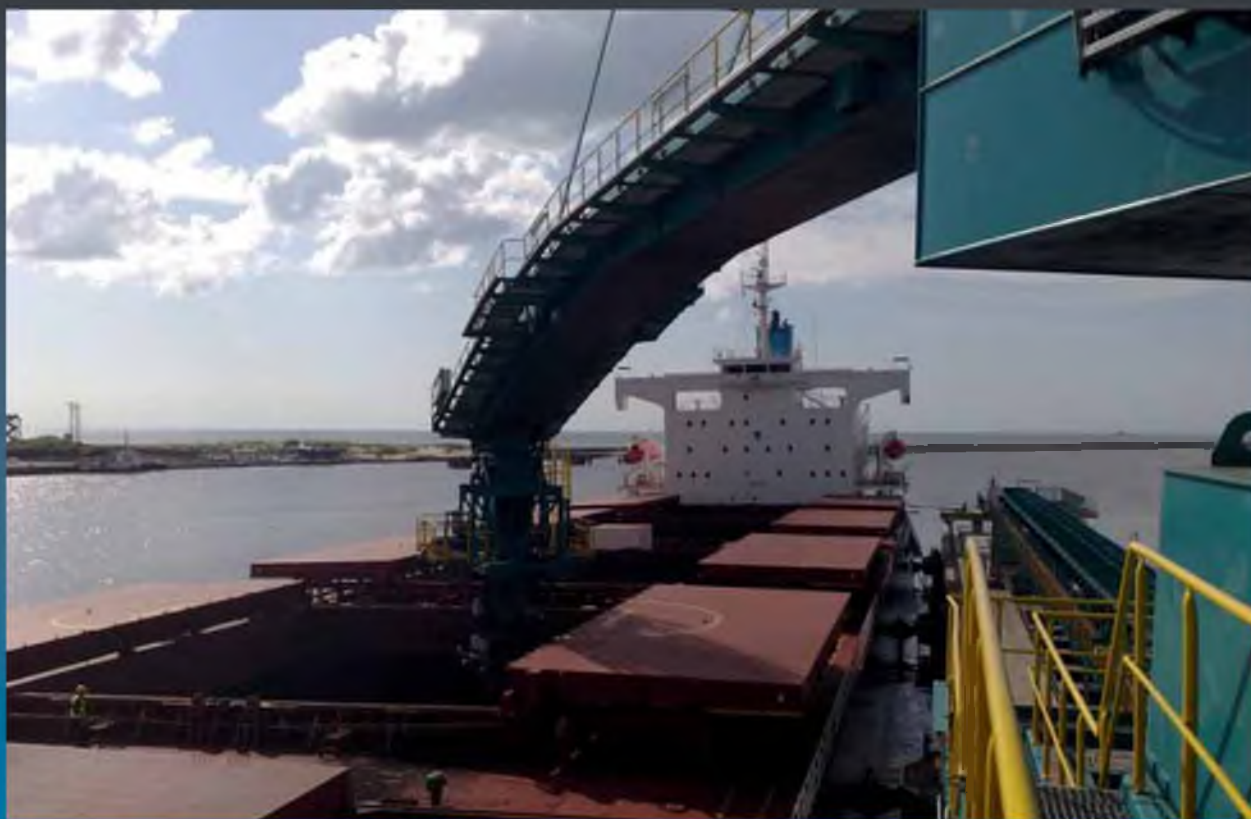
It is expected to receive inbound consignments from both Australia and China conveying coal. Outbound cargo is expected to be iron ore en route to China.

Capacity at the port will be around 3mt (million tonnes) to 3.5mt annually. The facility will be connected to the rest of the country by both road and rail, with some consignments expected to go to the United States, especially to the state of Texas, which is to export coal to China. *BC*

Yuzhny receives call from major dry bulker

Yuzhny port in Ukraine recently received a call from a 209,000dwt bulk carrier, which is the third largest ship ever to be deployed in the Black Sea. It loaded with iron ore and proceeded to the Chinese port of Dalian. *BC*

Baltic Coal Terminal handles record volume



The Baltic Coal Terminal in the Port of Ventspils in Latvia has reported that in the first eight months of this year, coal volume rose by 28% to more than 3.5 million tonnes. In August, traditionally a quiet period, volume was up 23% to 529,760 tonnes. Coal handled by the terminal is exported to the UK, Belgium, Spain and Morocco. *BC*