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## TIE LINES – November 2000

### AROUND THE PORT...

**Hanjin Shipping Co. has agreed to a 25-year lease for the use of the Port of Long Beach's largest-ever container terminal, the 375-acre Pier T project under construction at the site of the former Long Beach Naval Station and Naval Shipyard.**

The new, \$500 million Terminal Island facility will be more than twice as big as Hanjin's existing, 170-acre facility in Long Beach -- which is already the port's largest and only three years old. The terminal will feature 5,000 lineal feet of wharf, at least 50-foot water depths, a 30-lane truck gate complex, electrical plugs for 1,200 refrigerated containers, a three-unit on-dock intermodal rail yard, and 12 to 16 "post-Panamax" sized cranes.

**With the Hanjin lease agreement, the Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners has approved a \$143.5 million contract with Shanghai Zhenhua Port Machinery Co. Ltd. for the purchase of as many as 20 state-of-the-art dockside container-handling gantry cranes.**

The cranes, costing about \$7 million each, will have a lifting capacity of 65 long tons, lifting height above the wharf of more than 120 feet and an outreach of more than 201 feet or across 22 containers. As many as 16 of the cranes will be used at Pier T, while the others would be used at other port terminals.

**Paced by equally strong export and import gains, shipping terminals at the port handled a record 4,564,529 20-foot-long equivalent units (TEUs) in the fiscal year from October 1999 through September 2000, an increase of 6.1 percent over the 1998-99 fiscal year's record-setting total for cargo containers.** Exports climbed 7.4 percent - the biggest gain in five years. Imports increased 7.5 percent.

During the final month of the fiscal year, the container cargo total fell to 387,593 TEUs. The September total was down 3.8 percent from September 1999. Import containers declined 4.7 percent to 208,880

TEUs. Exports declined 1.7 percent to 80,875 TEUs.

**Long Beach Container Terminal is planning to go from a “grounded” to “stacked” operation. Readying for the switch, LBCT took delivery last month on six rubber tire gantry cranes for stacking cargo containers. The six cranes were built by Shanghai’s Zhenhua Port Machinery Co.**

LBCT is the last container terminal in Long Beach to operate a “grounded” or “wheeled” operation in which loaded containers are parked on truck chassis. With cargo volume growing, LBCT will switch next year to a “stacked” operation in which containers will be stacked atop each other to maximize space.

ZPMC delivered the gantry cranes aboard the Zhen Hua, rolling them off the bow in a “Mediterranean morning,” in which the ship was lined up perpendicular to the dock. Each of the cranes is 64 feet high and 85 feet wide, meaning they can straddle a stack of containers five high and six wide. The cranes are each capable of lifting a 40-ton load.

**Quarry Run rock from Texada, British Columbia, is being used for the first time at the port to provide underwater slope protection beneath the Pier T wharf extension.**

The first two of three loads of rock were transported to Pier T last month on the Sheila Ann, a 738-foot-long self-unloading bulk carrier capable of transporting 70,000 deadweight tons. Under the direction of Manson Construction, the rock was deposited directly from the ship’s unloading boom onto the underwater slope. About 184,000 tons of Quarry Run rock worth about \$3.4 million will be delivered for the Pier T wharf extension project.

**With the Hawaiian economy rebounding, CSX Lines has introduced a new, fortnightly Hawaii-West Coast service. The Midweek Express vessels sail from Long Beach on Wednesday arriving in Hawaii on Sunday, then sail from Honolulu to Tacoma and back to Long Beach, calling at the Maersk Sealand Terminal on Pier G.**

Charlotte, N.C.-based CSX already operates an end-of-the-week weekly service between Long Beach and Hawaii.

**Italia Line’s Mediterranean/South American service has begun calling at the California United Terminals facility, moving over from the Port of Los Angeles.**

By the end of November, Italia will have six container ships deployed in a 10-day, fixed-day service. Each vessel will have a capacity of 2,000 to 2,300 TEUs. The vessels call in Italy, Spain, Columbia, Long Beach, Vancouver, Portland, Oakland, then back to Long Beach, Columbia, Spain and Italy.

**The filling of Pier E Slip 2 at California United Terminals was completed last month, after more than 2.6 million cubic yards of dredge material was poured into the slip to create 29 acres of land for use eventually as a container yard.**

Another 1.5 million cubic yards of imported soil and dredge material was placed on top of the slip as surcharge to settle the fill. The 25-foot-high surcharge pile will remain in place until next spring, then moved for use on Terminal Island.

**Alliance International Forwarders Inc., a Houston-based freight forwarder, shipped a 185-ton rock crusher through the California United Terminals facility last month.**

The Spanish-made rock crusher was offloaded from Jumbo Navigation's heavy-lift vessel, the Jumbo Challenger. It was loaded onto a 300-foot-long truck-trailer and taken by street from the port to a cement-making company in Victorville.

**Sea Launch, the multinational satellite launching company, whose launch vessels are homeported at the Port of Long Beach, successfully rocketed into orbit a 11,260-pound satellite that Thuraya Satellite Telecommunications Co. of the United Arab Emirates will use to provide mobile communications in the Middle East.**

The satellite, sent into orbit from the equator, was built by Boeing Satellite Systems (formerly Hughes Space and Communications). Sea Launch's next launch, scheduled for later this year, is for XM Satellite Radio, a pay-radio service set to start next summer.

**Business Week and Architectural Record magazines have honored Hanjin Shipping, Robert Stewart Architects of Long Beach, John Caldwell Architects of Marina Del Rey and the Port of Long Beach for the design of the current Hanjin Terminal.**

The Hanjin project was cited for becoming the "prototype for current terminal design" and for boosting productivity. It is one of 10 projects honored and featured in the latest issues of the two magazines.

**Casual dress Fridays has become an everyday-of-the-week fashion statement at the Hanjin Terminal.** The Hanjin staff in Long Beach will have the option of wearing casual business attire daily beginning this month.

**The Police Athletic League sent along a big "thank you" to Eb Hoerling of "K" Line, Greg Owen of Tri-modal Trucking and Bob Hill of Hill Crane.** They pitched in last month to provide extra storage space so the Police Athletic League could make room for more of its activities for at-risk children.

"K" Line donated an empty 20-foot-long freight container. Tri-modal trucked the container to the Police Athletic League's 3,500-square-foot facility on Freeman Avenue in Long Beach. Hill Crane lifted the container into place. All so a few more kids might be helped.

**The International Seafarers Center of Long Beach is looking for some help, too. It needs donations of sundry items to be included in the holiday gift bags it gives to crewmen who visit the port during December.**

Among the items needed are tooth paste, tooth brushes, shaving items, combs, soap, playing cards, puzzles, games, CDs and tapes, socks, handkerchiefs, candy and other personal items. Donations are accepted at the Seafarers Center, 120 S. Pico Ave., Long Beach. For more information, call (562) 432-7560.

**The Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority has awarded a \$6.5 million contract to a joint**

## **venture of Shimmick Construction Co. and Obayashi Corp. to build a rail bridge over Soto Street in Los Angeles.**

The contract is among the final five to be awarded for the \$2.4 billion project, a 20-mile rail expressway between the waterfront and rail yards east of downtown Los Angeles due to open in April 2002.

## **The Harbor Association of Industry and Commerce will salute the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority at a dinner Nov. 4 at the Hilton Long Beach hotel.**

**Also honoring the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority is the Long Beach Area Council Boys Scouts of America at its 2000 "Good Scout of the Year" dinner Nov. 16 at the Westin Long Beach Hotel.**

## **Dr. Geraldine Knatz, the port's managing director of development, will be the speaker at the Women's Transportation Seminar dinner Nov. 17 at the Regal Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles.**

The event is the group's 14th annual scholarship and awards dinner. For more information, contact Leah Markle at (310) 646-5700, ext. 3058, or [lmarkle@airports.ci.la.ca.us](mailto:lmarkle@airports.ci.la.ca.us).

## **The International Business Association's next monthly luncheon will be held Nov. 17 at the West Coast Long Beach Hotel.** For reservations, call (562) 436-1251.

## **The Foreign Trade Association of Southern California will hold its annual holiday season luncheon on Dec. 1 at the Regal Biltmore Hotel in downtown Los Angeles.**

Mattel Inc. is once again spearheading the FTA's annual Toy Drive. Luncheon attendees are asked to bring an unwrapped toy. For reservations, call (213) 627-0634, ext. 204, or e-mail [foreigntrade@earthlink.net](mailto:foreigntrade@earthlink.net).

## **PORT PEOPLE . . .**

### **Douglas A. Thiessen has been appointed chief harbor engineer for the Port of Long Beach.**

Thiessen, who joined the port as the assistant chief harbor engineer in January, has been the acting chief harbor engineer since E. Dan Allen left in August to join Moffatt & Nichol Engineers.

Thiessen, a native of Williamsburg, Va., who grew up in Hawaii and Micronesia, has worked for Caltrans, the Port of Los Angeles as manager of special projects including the program manager for the APL terminal, and the Los Angeles City Department of Public Works' Bureau of Engineering.

### **Richard L. Landes, a principal deputy city attorney and one of the port's attorneys for 23 years, is retiring this month.**

In addition to his many day-to-day duties, Landes worked extensively on the Alameda Corridor Project and the port's acquisition of Union Pacific Resources properties.

### **Thomas N. Teofilo will be stepping down from his job as president and chief executive of the**

**World Trade Center Association of Los Angeles-Long Beach at the end of the year to return to private trade consulting.**

Teofilo, a former port marketing executive, has headed the trade association for six years.

**Also at the World Trade Center Association, Roger E. Trahan has been appointed trade manager, working in the Long Beach office.** Trahan, a former business manager with McDonnell Douglas Corp., also will serve as manager of the Long Beach International Trade Office.

**Ross Gaudreault, president and chief executive of the Quebec Port Authority has been installed as chairman of the American Association of Port Authorities.** He succeeds **J. Robert Bray**, executive director of the Virginia Port Authority.

**Dave Murphy has been named senior projects officer for Western Overseas Corp., a Long Beach-based freight forwarder and customs broker.** Murphy was formerly with General Motors Corp., responsible for agency relations and marketing on the West Coast.

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