MacGregor gravity systems

Marine Selfunloaders Coal Barges





Gravity system

Eight barges that transfer coal along the coast of East Kalimantan, in Indonesia, feature MacGregor gravity-type self-unloading systems

General

From 1992 to 1993, eight sets of MacGregor self-unloading conveyor systems were delivered to Chuan Hup Agencies Pty Ltd, in Singapore.

They were destined for barges – ranging in size between 3,500 dwt and 7,000 dwt – that were specially designed by Singapore-based company Conan Wu & Associates Pte Ltd.

The self-unloading barges are in operation along the coast of East Kalimantan, Indonesia, and shuttle coal between the mines and a new transhipment terminal. Receiving facilities are designed to accommodate four barges in total. Two barges can be discharged simultaneously at a capacity of 2,000t/h each.

System description

The self-unloading barges are flattopped. The large V-shaped hopper on deck provides a gravity flow of coal, via hydraulicallyoperated basket gates located in the hopper bottom, to the longitudinal conveyor belt.

The entire discharge system is remotely controlled by one operator. The speed of the longitudinal conveyor can be varied to alter the discharge capacity to local conditions.

From the longitudinal conveyor, the coal is transferred to a slewing and hoisting boom for further transport to the shore receiving conveyors. Discharge can be to either the port or starboard side. The boom can be stowed during sea voyages. Electrical switchgear and control equipment, as well as hydraulic power packs, were also supplied.

Barge dimensions

Dead weight	7,000 dwt
	/ 3,500 dwt
Length	106m / 79.2m
Width	22.5m / 20.5m
Depth	6.6m / 5.6m
Draft	4.5m / 3.5m

System data

Discharge capacity	2,000t/h or	
	2,500 m ³ /h	
Power consumption at		
maximum discharge capacity		
approx.	190kW	
Cargo	Coal	
(also graval, grain, iron ore)		

Boom data

Slewing 150 degrees Hoisting max. 18 degrees

Design principle of self-unloading barges

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