

Gabon

Third mobile harbour crane for Gabon Port Management

Gabon Port Management (GPM) which manages two principal multi-purpose ports in the Republic of Gabon, Port d'Owendo and Port Gentil, has taken delivery of its third mobile harbour crane (MHC).

The crane was commissioned by Portek Systems & Equipment Pte Ltd, the main engineering arm of GPM's parent Portek International. The third MHC is expected to commence full operations at Port d'Owendo in October.

GPM has been operating with 2 MHCs since April 2012. This has resulted in a doubling of berth productivity on container handling at Port d'Owendo, Gabon's main

gateway port. The addition of a third MHC will further maximise the productivity of bulk cargo handling as well. The MHCs, with a maximum outreach of 51 m and a lifting capacity of 100 tonnes at 25 m outreach, are capable of serving post-Panamax vessels and Capesize bulk carriers.

Philippe Gery, GPM's director general, said: "We are delighted to have this latest addition to our handling capacity. We have always and continue to be fully committed to increasing the productivity of operations at both Port d'Owendo and Port Gentil and we have been investing heavily in order to achieve this." ■



The new MHC will commence operations next month

Singapore

Repair and refurbishment orders for Portek

Singapore-based port solutions company Portek International has secured several notable engineering orders at a combined value of about US\$5m.

These orders include the first major project with the Port of Tanjung Pelepas (PTP) in Malaysia as well as repeat orders from Papua New Guinea Ports Corporation Limited (PNGPCL), ICTSI subsidiary PT Makassar Terminal Services and PSA Corporation

At PTP, the work involves the refurbishment of a fleet of 10 Noell and ZPMC ship-to-shore gantry cranes in order to achieve a higher level of availability and operational performance. The



Ship-to-shore cranes at Tanjung Pelepas, Malaysia

project includes the renewal of the trolley rail system,

operator's cabin, boom pin system and improvement on

the trolley motion systems.

For PSA in Singapore, repairs will be carried out on some of its quay cranes.

For PNGPCL, the company will be refurbishing part of their RTG fleet to ensure higher levels of operational productivity in the ports of Moresby and Lae in Papua New Guinea; plus the company will raise the height of RTGs for MTS in Makassar, Indonesia.

Tok Soon Chong, chief technical officer at Portek, said: "We are delighted with the confidence shown in us by the management teams of PTP, PNGPCL, ICTSI and PSA. We look forward to working closely with them." ■