

*Africa*

## *Gottwald boosts productivity at Port d'Owendo*

Following the April 2012 deployment of two new Gottwald mobile harbour cranes, Gabon Port Management (GPM) has significantly increased berth productivity at Port d'Owendo, Gabon's main gateway port.

The two model G HMK 6407 units were purchased for around US\$7m as part of the on-going effort to modernise the port and maximise its productivity. The cranes, with a maximum outreach of 51m, are capable of serving post-Panamax vessels and Capesize bulk carriers.

Prior to the delivery, Port d'Owendo relied on standard vessel cranes, each capable of only executing eight container moves/hour. Today, each mobile harbour crane is capable of executing up to 25 container moves/hour.

Philippe Gery, director general at GPM commented: "We are very encouraged by the results so far. Even though we have not completely phased in the new cranes with our crane operators still in the training phase, we have already almost doubled the handling rate



Gottwald cranes have doubled container handling at Gabon

of containers and reduced the waiting time of ships by more than 50% and ships' time alongside by more than 30%."

Gabon Port Management is a subsidiary of Singapore-based Portek International. ■

*Australia*

## *Liebherr Super post-Panamax for Melbourne*



DP World at West Swanson Dock, Port of Melbourne

Liebherr Container Cranes has secured an order to supply a ship-to-shore (STS) container crane to DP World Melbourne.

With a SWL of 65 tonnes under twin lift spreader the crane has a waterside outreach of 50 m, a span of 25.3 m, a landside backreach of 20 m and a lift height of 38 m under spreader. Hoist speeds are 70-180 m/min, trolley speed is 240 m/min and crane travel speed is 50 m/min. Crane drives are Liebherr A.C.

"We are delighted with this order which marks the return of Liebherr Container Cranes to Australia, after an absence of over 35 years," said managing director, Pat O'Leary.

"In 2010 we supplied DP World in Manila with two STS cranes and we welcome the opportunity to extend our presence in the region by supplying a Liebherr Super post-Panamax crane to DP World Melbourne, Australia's largest container Port.

The purchase of the crane is the latest in a series of investments in terminal infrastructure and the latest technology by DP World Melbourne to facilitate container growth and an expansion of capacity. ■