

Good year for VIGAN despite downturn



Major CSU manufacturer VIGAN SA is continuing to find customers for its continuous ship unloaders, despite the economic situation of the last eighteen months.

Among new orders are one 400tph (metric tonnes per hour) pneumatic CSU and one 400tph mechanical loader for a customer in the port of Sète in France. Other equipment ordered includes mobile equipment for the Philippines, Saudi Arabia and France, as well as special on-quay hoppers with weighing and bagging systems for Djibouti.

Various other projects are pending, with decisions delayed due to the economic situation.

Last year (2009) was a fairly good year for VIGAN but, as with most companies supplying port equipment, the company did see some reduction in orders, directly related to the reduction in the level of cargoes transported by sea. Nevertheless, globally speaking, the grain and oilseed sectors have been far less affected, and it is the financing of these projects that has been much more affected than the demand, which remains fairly high with many enquiries and projects.



Fixed pneumatic unloaders for barge and handling urea in Belgium: capacity 300tph, delivered in 2009.



Cuba – port of La Habana: pneumatic unloader on rails with cable reel: capacity 200tph and finally commissioned in 2009. Due to local problems it took about 18 months for erection and final commissioning.



South Korea: SIMPORTER mechanical ship unloader at final manufacturing stage and to be delivered early 2010.