

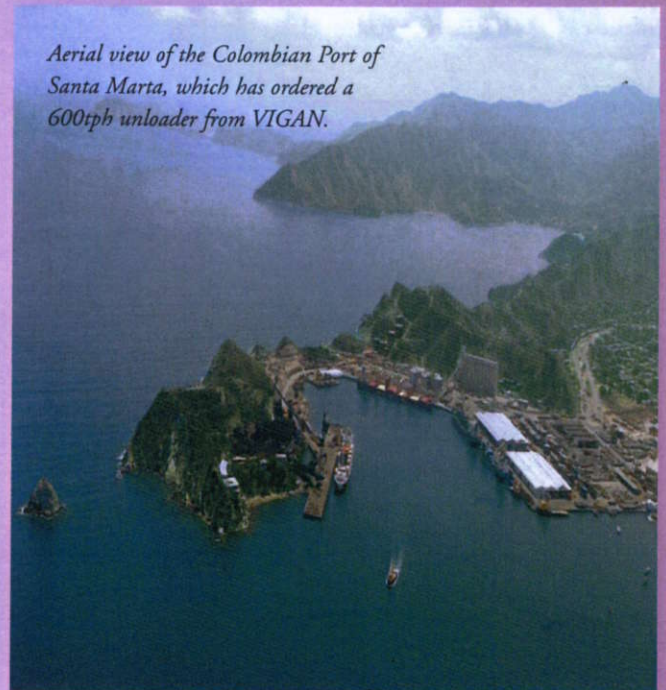
# VIGAN reports on recent loader and unloader activity



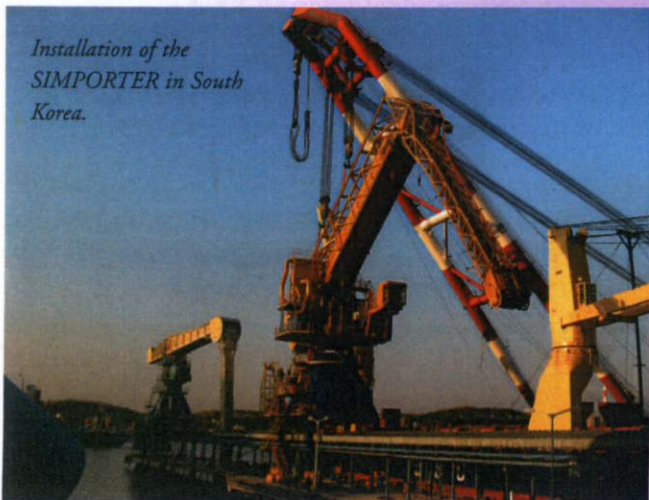
Belgian equipment manufacturer VIGAN manufactures a range of bulk materials handling systems, including: mobile pneumatic conveyor or vacuators; pneumatic continuous barge unloaders and mechanical barge loaders; mechanical and pneumatic continuous ship unloaders for vessels up to post-Panamax size; mechanical loaders for any size of ship; as well as complete storage systems in ports and the agricultural industries.

VIGAN's equipment can be used to handle a variety of commodities. The company specializes mainly in equipment for cereals, feedstuffs, all agribulks and other free-flowing material such as alumina, chemicals, fertilizers and wood pellets. The picture on p89 shows a VIGAN barge unloader which is installed at the Electrabel plant in Holland, where it unloads wood pellets at a rate of 500tph (tonnes per hour). Electrabel is an affiliate company of French group SUEZ which is one of the major

*Aerial view of the Colombian Port of Santa Marta, which has ordered a 600tph unloader from VIGAN.*



*Installation of the SIMPORTER in South Korea.*



European players in the energy production sector.

VIGAN's major clients are: port authorities and stevedoring companies, as well as other private/public companies interested in state-of the art unloading and loading equipment for all vessel sizes.

Among recent contracts and activities for VIGAN is the recent commissioning of a SIMPORTER unit (twin belt technology) in South Korea (see picture left and top), which is operating beside an older VIGAN model. The new machine can be seen in the top picture on the right hand side.

*VIGAN recently commissioned a large barge unloader for wood pellets for Electrabel, part of the Suez group. The capacity of this unit is 500tph, and throughput is already exceeding customer expectations.*



Another contract award was announced by VIGAN in March this year, and is for the supply of a large pneumatic unloader for the Port of Santa Marta in Colombia (see picture on p88). This unit will be mounted on rubber wheels, and will offer an unloading capacity of 600tph. The port is investing over US\$10

million in a complete new storage system for grains, with silos, belt conveyors and elevators, and the VIGAN unloader is part of this major project.

VIGAN is part of the VAN DE WIELE group. It has more than 30 years of experience.