



Thai Tank's Third Jetty Commissioned

Thai Tank Terminal has started operational use of its 3rd jetty. It has been a long time coming, but finally the jetty was used for the loading of benzene onto the MS Dorothea on July 28th. The timing could not have been better as we saw a record month in terms of the number of vessels calling at TTT (90!!).

From 2000, TTT has seen a big increase in the capacity of the terminal, the throughput and the number of vessels. As of January 1, 2006 the terminal will consist of 84 tanks with a total capacity of 632,400 cbm. This is an increase of 37% while throughput has doubled from 2.4 to 4.8 million tons and the number of shipments has increased from 500 to an expected amount of 900 ships next year (80% increase). So the added jetty capacity is very much welcomed. With the new jetty, which is located in-between the two existing jetties, the occupancy should drop to a level well below 60%.

The jetty can handle ships up to 10,000 DWT. It is equipped with a new "double" loading arm which has two separate product lines, but only takes up about as much space as a single loading arm. The loading arm will mainly be used for aromatics, which is one of the biggest product groups handled by the terminal, especially in smaller size vessels for regional distribution.

