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SYDNEY MINING CLUB PRESENTATION

Equatorial Resources Limited ("**Equatorial**") (ASX:EQX) is pleased to release the attached presentation to be given by Equatorial Resources Limited's Managing Director and CEO, Mr John Welborn, at the Sydney Mining Club lunch today.

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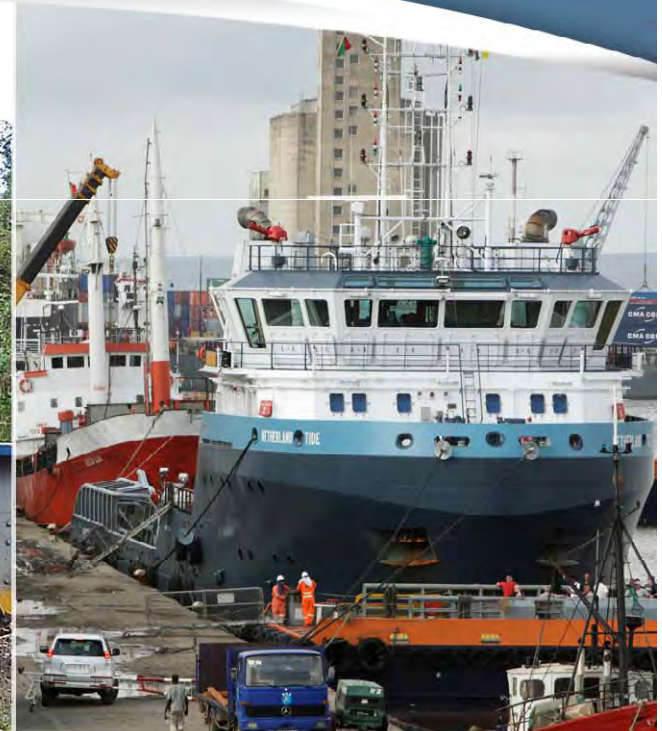
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IRON ORE!



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“Without iron ore there is no modern civilisation. Without iron ore there's no China boom, no housing boom, and no global boom.”

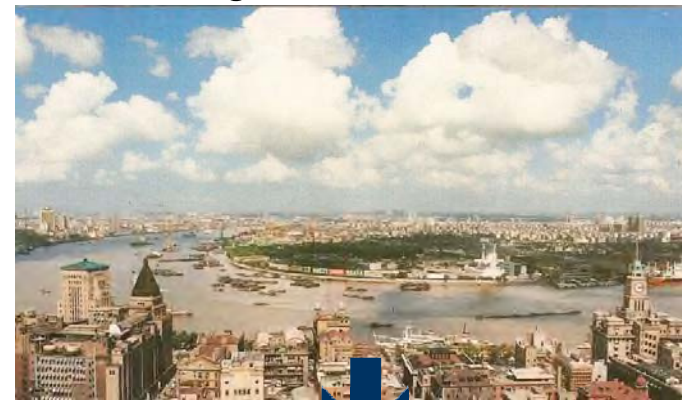
The Daily Reckoning Australia

CHINESE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION

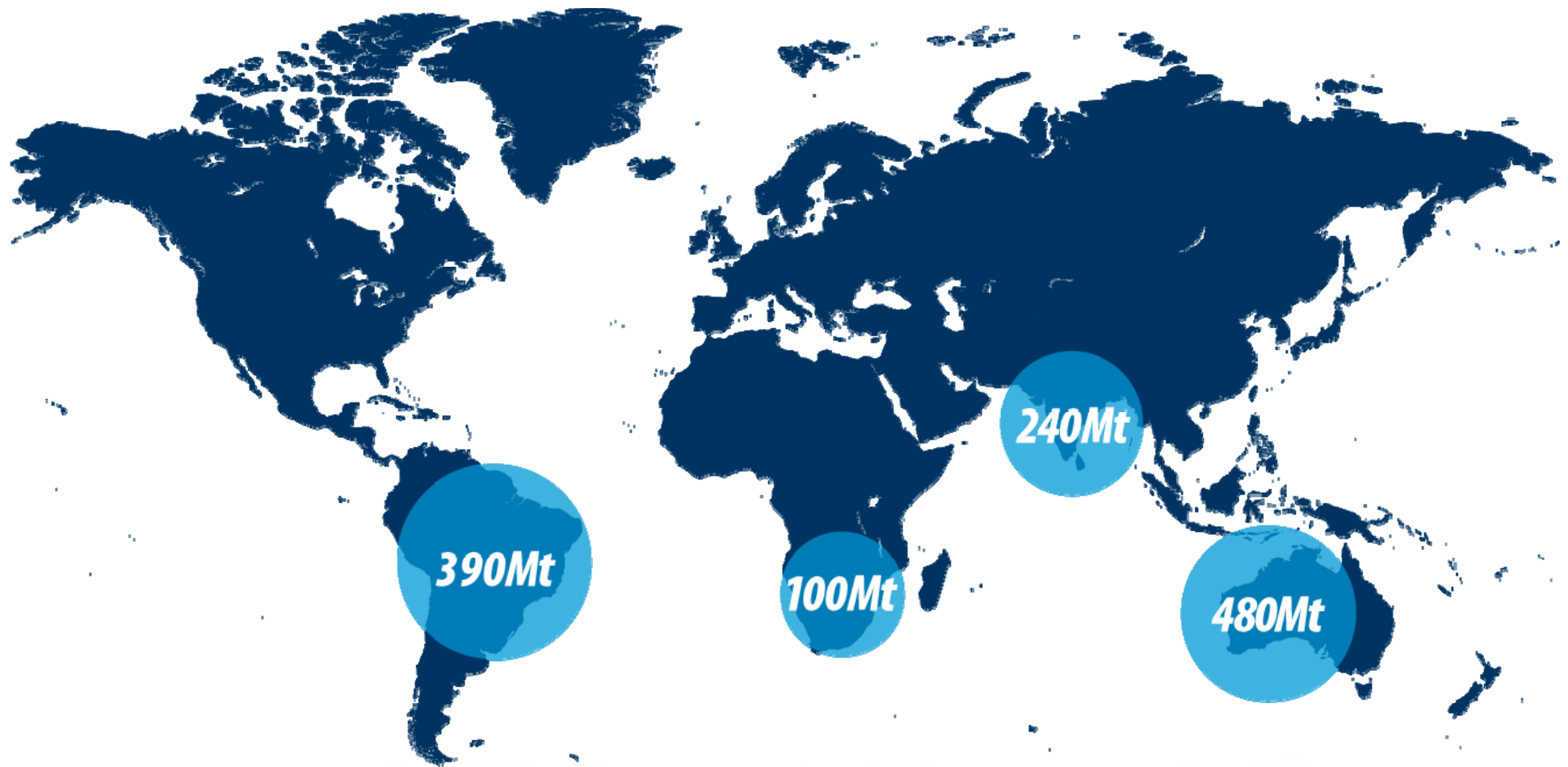
✓ Port Hedland



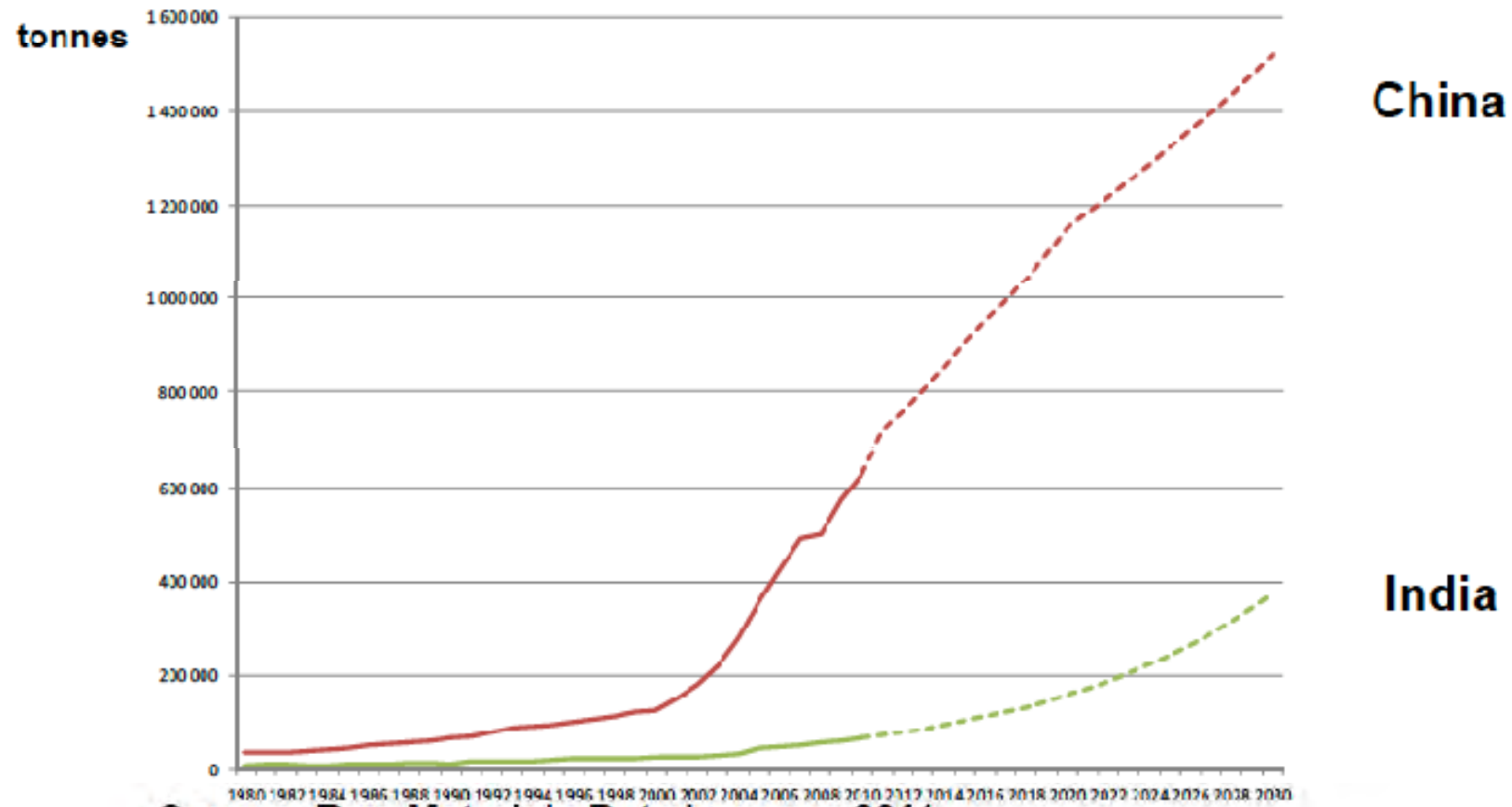
✓ Shanghai



GLOBAL IRON ORE PRODUCTION

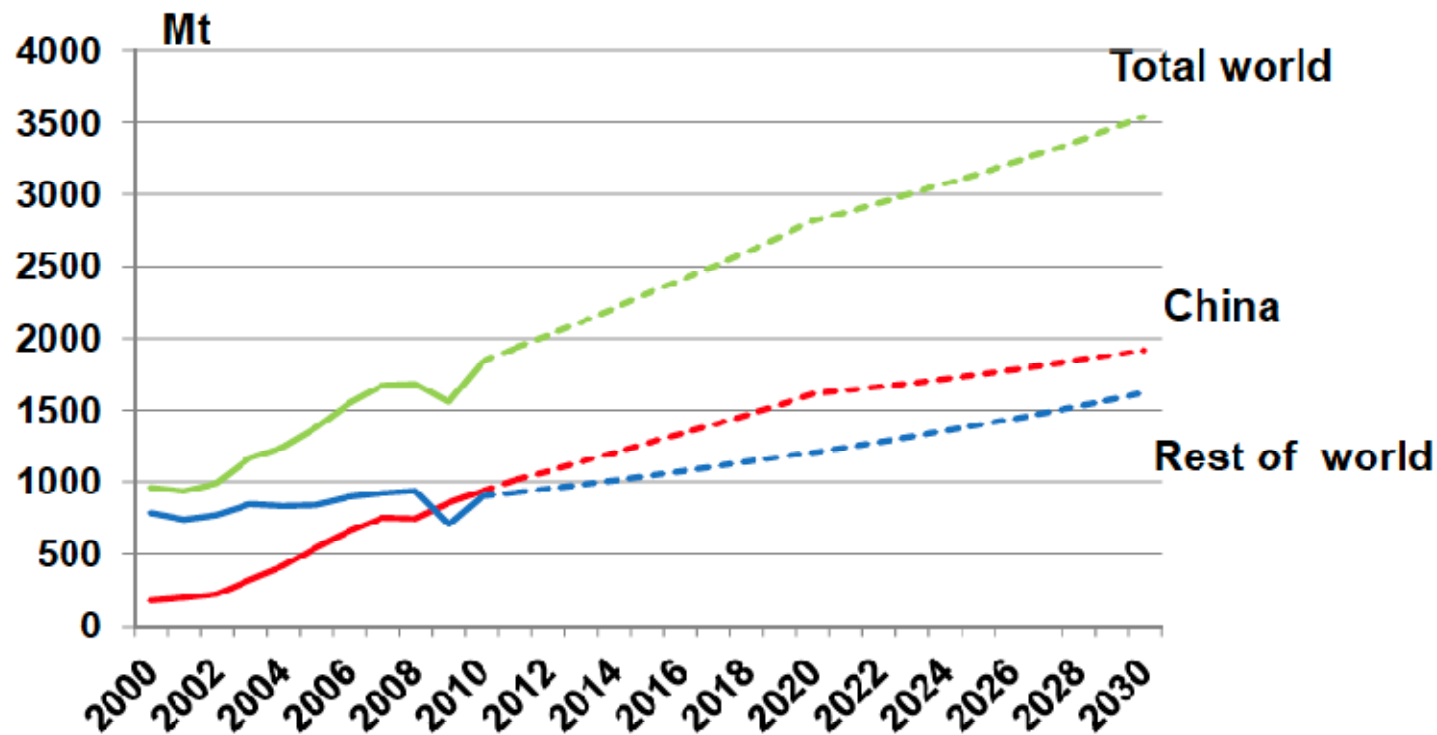


CHINA & INDIA STEEL PRODUCTION



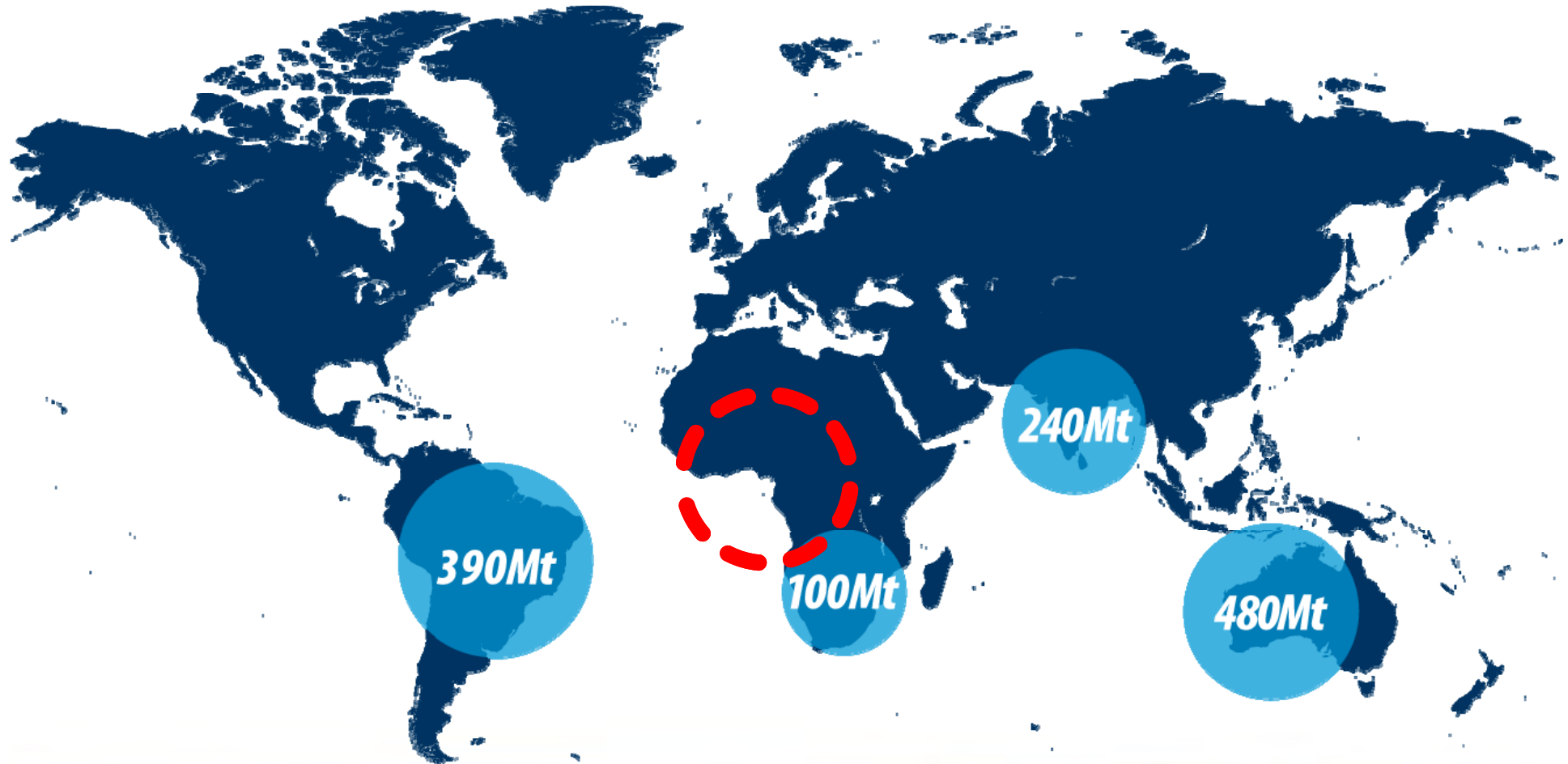
Source: Raw Materials Data Iron ore, 2011.

GLOBAL IRON ORE DEMAND



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**IF WORLD DEMAND DOUBLES BY 2030, WHERE
COULD THE EXTRA PRODUCTION COME **FROM**?**



CHINA'S DOMESTIC PRODUCTION CHALLENGES

- ✓ Many small mines
- ✓ Low grades
- ✓ High proportion underground
- ✓ High costs

CHINA'S SOLUTION

**“By 2015, China wants to import 50%
of its iron ore from Chinese owned
mines elsewhere in the world.”**

Wu Xichun, China Iron & Steel Association

AFRICA IS A PRIME TARGET

11 New Ports
3,170 Miles of Railway
Spend of \$25 Billion



*“An iron ore boom in West Africa, which may have deposits to rival Australia's ore-rich Pilbara region, is motivating African Minerals, as well as miners Rio Tinto and Arcelor Mittal, to spend **\$25 billion** on **3,170 miles** of new and rebuilt railways and **11 new ports** in West Africa”*

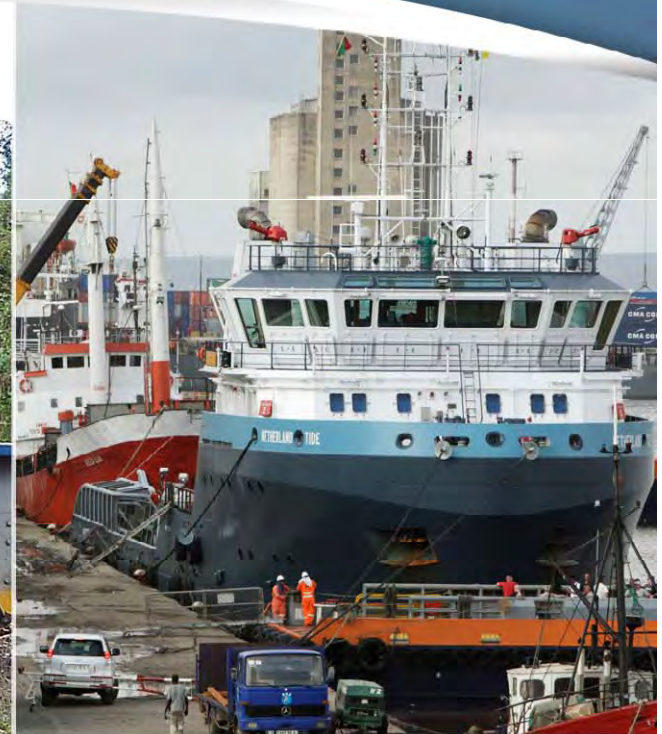
JP Morgan Chase

GLOBAL MARKET CONCLUSIONS

- ✓ Urbanisation driving long term demand, still a way to go...
- ✓ Supply constraints increasing
- ✓ Focus on resources in Africa



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ROCK



RAIL



PORT

***OUR MISSION:
TO BE AFRICA'S NEXT
MAJOR IRON ORE PRODUCER***

REAL ESTATE 101: LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION!



LOCATION RULE 1: CHOOSE THE RIGHT AFRICAN COUNTRY REPUBLIC OF CONGO

- ✓ Congo Brazzaville now on the investor radar and is attracting significant inward investment
- ✓ Economic diversification away from dependence on oil
- ✓ New mining code adopted in 2005
- ✓ Nomination: Country Award, Mining Journal Outstanding Achievements Awards 2011
- ✓ Favourable fiscal terms for miners
 - 3% Royalty on Revenues
 - 10% government participation on conversion to Mining Permit



John Welborn, MD & CEO and Minister Pierre Oba, Minister of Mines ROC

***LOCATION RULE 2:
BE RESOURCEFUL
CHOOSE THE RIGHT TENEMENTS***

- ✓ 3.6 – 6.1 billion tonne iron exploration target* at 30-65% Fe across two 100% owned projects

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LOCATION RULE 3:

IN AFRICA, IT'S THE INFRASTRUCTURE, STUPID!

- ✓ EQX has direct access to an operational railway that runs through the Mayoko-Moussondji Iron Project direct to the deepwater port of Pointe Noire.

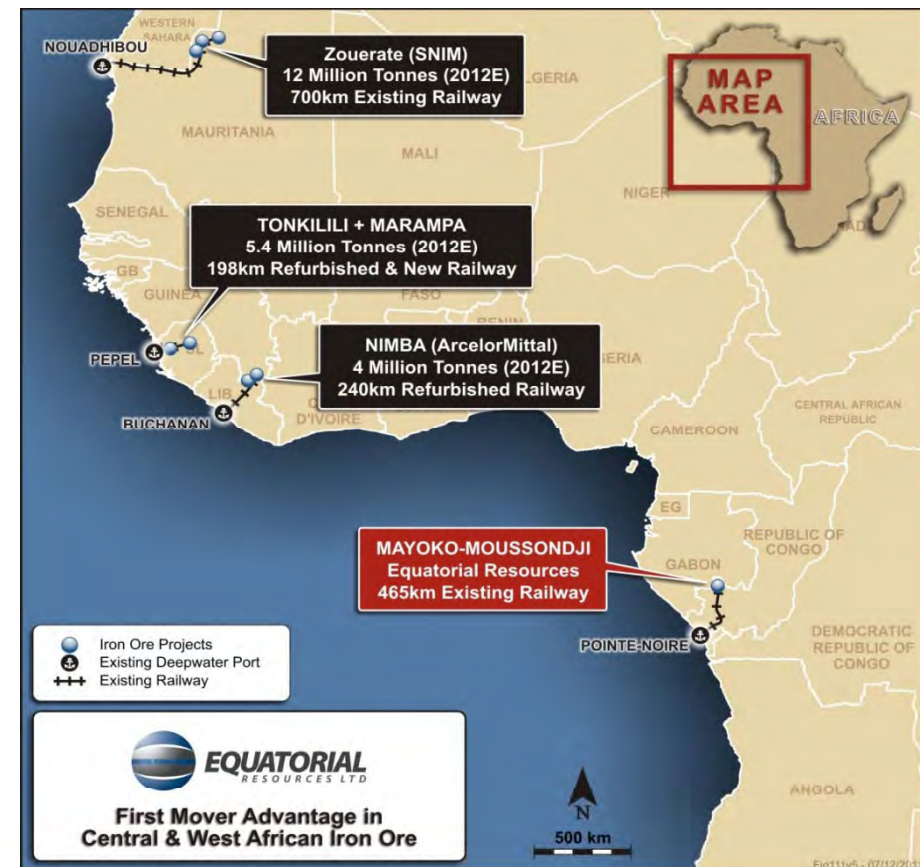
CENTRAL & WEST AFRICAN IRON ORE THE RACE TO PRODUCTION

- ✓ Massive Scale
- ✓ High Quality resources
- ✓ Coarse Grained Ore Bodies
- ✓ Low cost of production

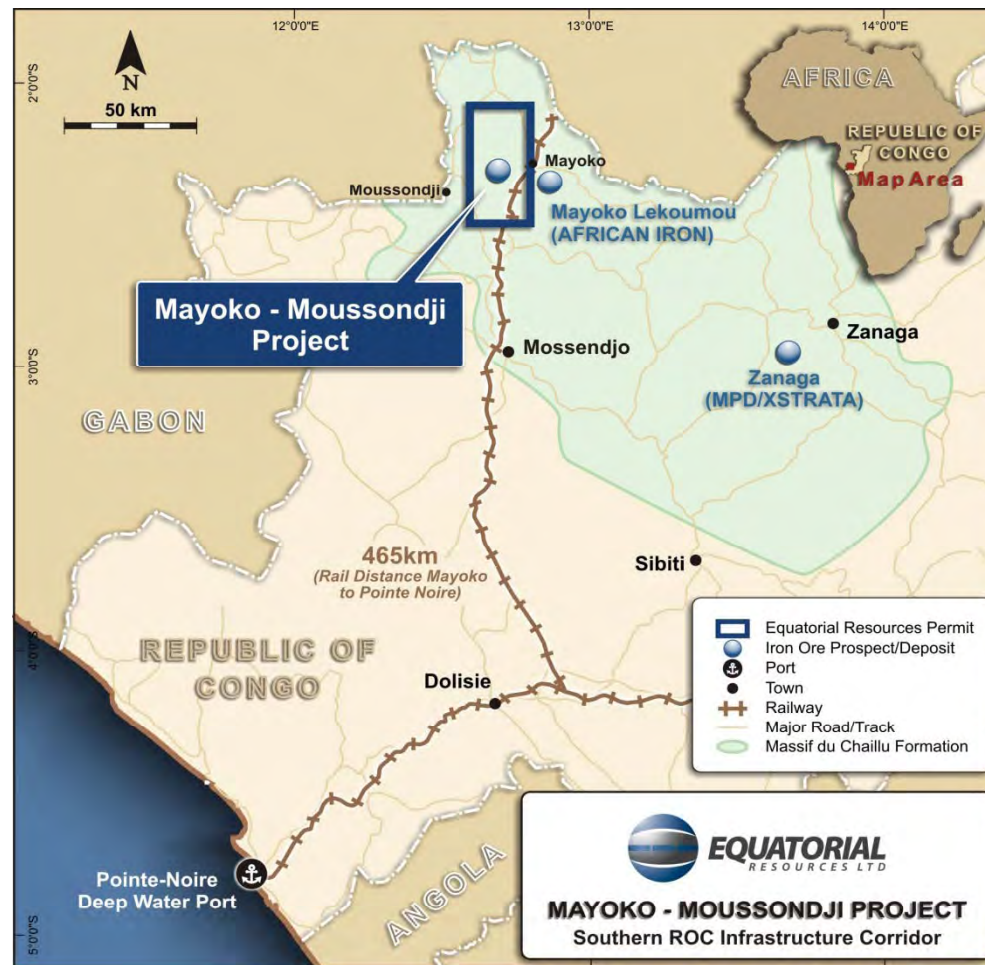


THE INFRASTRUCTURE REALITY

- ✓ New iron production in Africa is coming on stream where two conditions exist:
 1. Ore bodies in proximity to existing railway lines; and
 2. Presence of high grade oxide/hematite caps overlaying large magnetite ore bodies
- ✓ Existing infrastructure allows Phase 1 cash flows with low capex to then drive the development of large scale future production



MAYOKO-MOUSSONDJI IRON PROJECT



PATHWAY TO RESOURCE DEFINITION

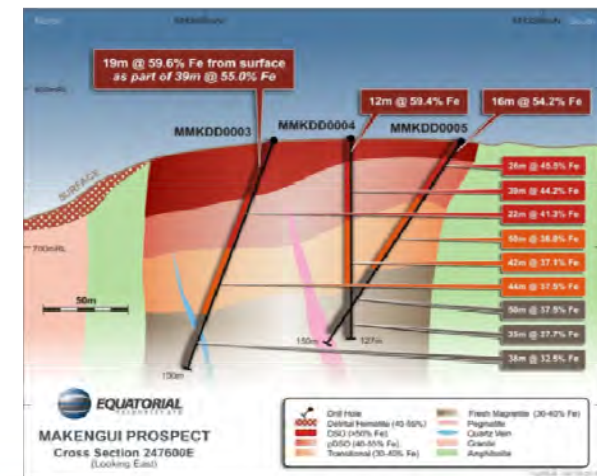
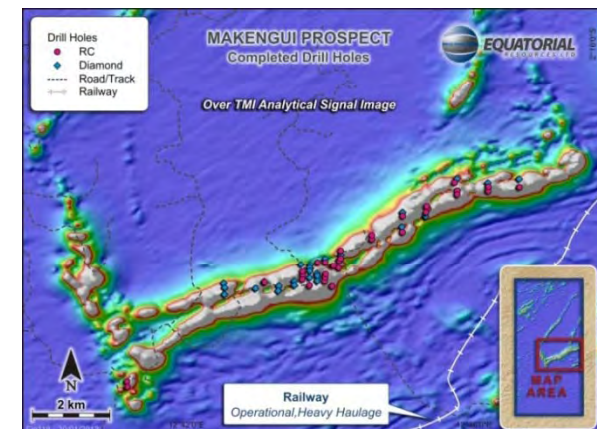
- ✓ Drill program focused on the delineation of high grade, near-surface hematite
- ✓ Two drilling contractors currently operating three rigs for a total contracted program of 33,000m (extendable to 70,000m)
- ✓ Sample prep lab being commissioned on site to reduce assay lead time and cost
- ✓ Begin preparation of a maiden JORC resource estimate by mid-2012



ROBUST GEOLOGICAL MODEL

- ✓ Geological model based on existence of enriched hematite caps overlaying extensive zones of magnetite BIF
- ✓ The following potential ore types are now recognised at Makengui:

- ✓ **DSO:** Enriched hematite, +50% Fe
- ✓ **pDSO:** Enriched hematite 40% - 50% Fe that has potential to be beneficiated to DSO grade equivalent
- ✓ **Transition:** Weakly weathered magnetite BIF 30-40% Fe
- ✓ **Magnetite:** Fresh magnetite BIF 30% - 40% Fe



DRILLING PROGRESS



- 3 drill rigs currently operating 24/7
- > 14,000m completed at 28/2/2012
- 33,000m under contract
- 4th drill rig arriving April 2012

METALLURGICAL TESTING PROGRAM

- ✓ **Professor John Clout engaged as metallurgical consultant (ex Fortescue Head of Resource Strategy)**
- ✓ **Met program underway**
- ✓ **Initial results in March 2012**



RAILWAY ACCESS AND DEVELOPMENT



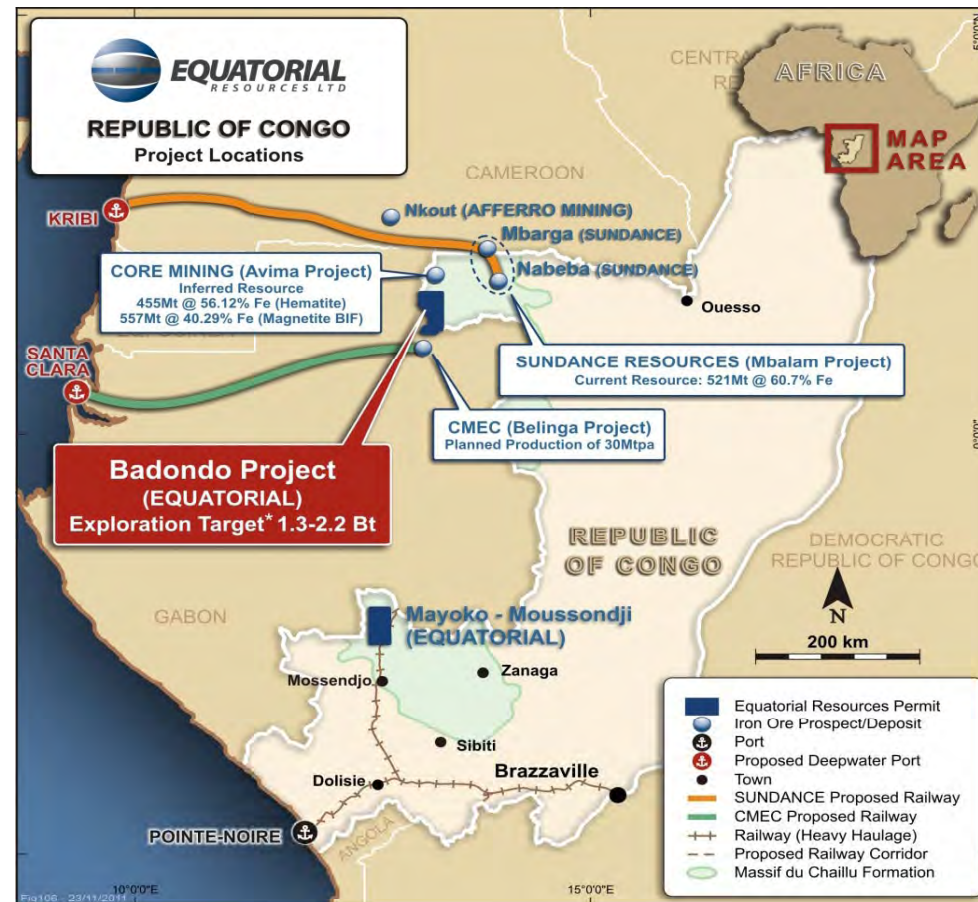
- ✓ Equatorial has a current, valid agreement with rail authority (CFCO) allowing access to the railway line
- ✓ Framework in place for 25 year User Agreement
- ✓ Rail Engineering & Investment Study completed
- ✓ Railway Funding Agreement signed with CFCO in October 2011:
 - ✓ Commits parties to complete a rail DFS
 - ✓ Commits CFCO to treat Equatorial's upfront capex for refurbishment of rail line as a prepayment against future rail charges

PORT OF POINTE-NOIRE ACCESS AND DEVELOPMENT

- ✓ One of the largest ports in Central & West Africa
- ✓ Agreement signed with PAPN to cooperate on studies on the infrastructure required to export iron ore from the existing port
- ✓ Pre-Feasibility study completed by Murray & Roberts Marine and presented to PAPN and Ministry of Transport
- ✓ Six feasible options including one preferred solution identified



BADONDO IRON PROJECT



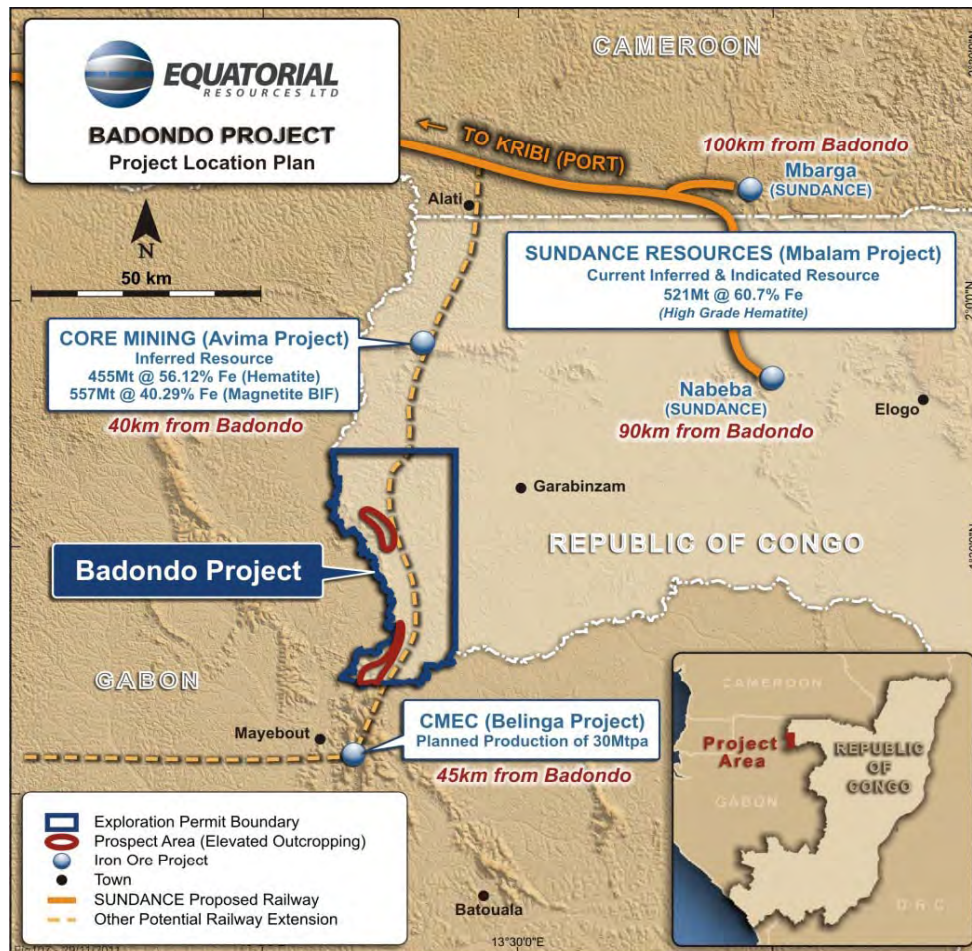
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BADONDO IRON PROJECT

- ✓ **1.3 – 2.2 BILLION TONNES***
exploration target of iron mineralisation
(grade 30% -65% Fe)

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EMERGING IRON ORE REGION

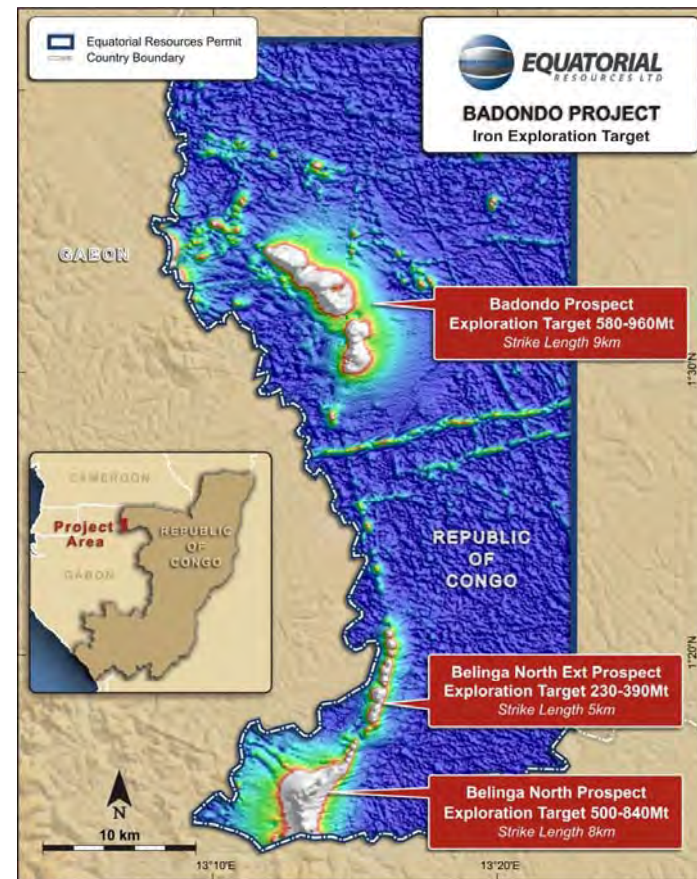


- ✓ Sundance Resources under a \$1.65bn takeover by Hanlong Mining
- ✓ Glencore invests undisclosed amount in Core Mining
- ✓ Bloomberg reports BHP Billiton in talks with Gabon over an interest in Belinga project

***BADONDO HIGHLY LEVERAGED TO
IMMINENT REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT***

DRILL PROGRAM COMMENCING EARLY 2012

- ✓ Strategy: Low cost, highly efficient scout drill program completed within short time frame
- ✓ Diamond drill rig being mobilised to site
- ✓ Drill program based on detailed SRK field program
- ✓ Drilling to commence in early 2012



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RAPID DEVELOPMENT

WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED IN 18 MONTHS

- ✓ Acquired two iron projects
- ✓ Completed extensive geophysics programs
- ✓ Modelled multi-billion tonne exploration targets*
- ✓ Drilled > 14,000m at Mayoko-Moussondji
- ✓ Signed detailed rail and port agreements
- ✓ Increased cash from \$0.6m to \$92m
- ✓ Hired over 200 employees between Australia, ROC and London
- ✓ Constructed world class camp facilities at Mayoko

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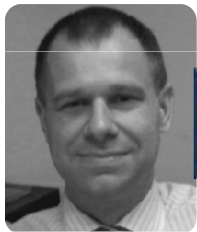
PROVEN BOARD & MANAGEMENT



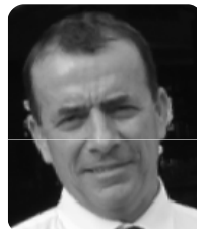
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CAPITAL STRUCTURE

EQUATORIAL RESOURCES LTD (ASX: EQX)		29 February 2012
Fully Paid Ordinary Shares		114.3 million
Unlisted Options (Various Expiry and Exercise Prices)		9.9 million
Employee & Contractor Rights Plan Shares (Various Expiry)		4.4 million
Vendor Milestone Shares (100Mt JORC Mineral Resource)		2.0 million
Market Capitalization Undiluted (@ A\$2.46)		A\$281.3 million
Cash (Post Acceptance of Exxaro Bid for AKI Securities)		A\$92.0 million
Top 20 Shareholders:		78.6%
Directors & Associates		9.9%
M&G Investments (UK)		14.3%
Blackrock Group (UK)		10.5%
JP Morgan		7.0%
Other Top 20		36.9%

THE EQUATORIAL ADVANTAGE

- ✓ Access to Existing Infrastructure
- ✓ Massive Scale of Projects
- ✓ High Quality Ore
- ✓ Well Funded
- ✓ Rapid Development



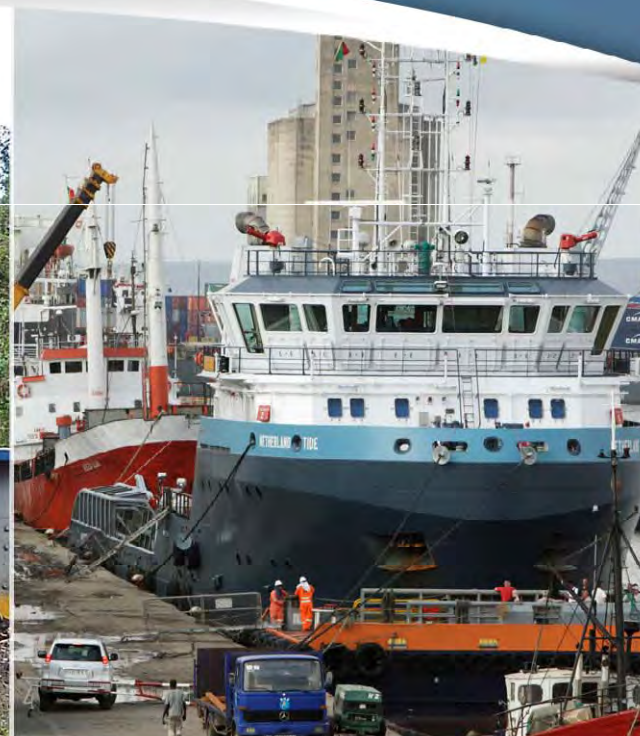
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