



DARWIN PORT CORPORATION

MEDIA STATEMENT

Monday, 26 April 2010

Port Corporation Chief Executive, Robert Ritchie said “loading of around 10,000 tonnes of copper concentrate was completed at approximately 17:50 hrs today. The “MV Aurora D” is expected to depart at around 20:30 hrs.

The loading, which generally takes up to 24 hrs, was uneventful and representative of a normal loading process “.

Mr Ritchie further stated that “there were occasions during the loading in which the bulk loader was stopped for short periods of time, these were general maintenance and adjustment issues with respect to the belts, the Shiploader chute, product sprays and the clearing of trays.

The rain yesterday and this afternoon also temporarily suspended loading as the vessel closed its hatches to protect the product from additional moisture – these stoppages occur with the loading of any product during wet weather and are not unusual”.

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