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PORT OF PALM BEACH WELCOMES ARRIVAL OF NEW CEMEX BULK CEMENT UNLOADER



RIVIERA BEACH, FL – The Port of Palm Beach and tenant CEMEX USA today welcomed the arrival of a high volume wheeled ship unloader machine, the BMH 10000S, to unload dry cement at the port. The unloader is one of four purchased by the Swedish company Van Aalst to operate on the east and gulf coasts.

The 80-ton machine will allow a variety of bulk-carrying vessels to unload cement at the facility, thus increasing opportunities to bring waterborne cement into the port. Once in operation, projected for the New Year, the machine uses air to push the cement from the vessel's cargo bay, through underground lines and into the silos. The \$3-million-dollar per machine investment promises to ensure increased efficiencies and volume for the company and port.

“This is a great cooperative effort that demonstrates CEMEX’s long-term commitment to our port,” Port Executive Director Lori Baer said.

“With the addition of our unloader and the three good-paying, sustainable jobs that are to accompany it, CEMEX sees this as a win-win venture,” added CEMEX USA Terminal Manager David Speigl.

The Port of Palm Beach, known as the "Gateway to the Caribbean," is a diverse port that handles containers, bulk and breakbulk commodities, as well as cruise passengers.