

The Government plans to eventually privatize the management of Port Klang, Penang Port, and Johore Port. The respective Port Authorities will still exist but each of the ports will be managed by a private company. Port Klang privatized the management of its container handling to Kelang Container Terminal (a local joint venture with P & O Australia) in 1986. Each of the ports has completed its own study to determine the best way to handle the privatization process.

5.1 Klang Port Authority

5.1.1 Foreign Participation

The foreign companies that are strongly represented at Port Klang include those from the USA, Germany, Finland, Japan and the U.K. Examples of equipment that has to be sourced from abroad include the normal type cranes (i.e. cranes able to lift between 5 to 25 ton load), container cranes and heavy lift forklifts (capable of lifting 10 to 22 ton load).

5.1.2 Canadian Involvement

To date the Klang Port Authority has not received any business calls from Canadian manufacturers/suppliers and Canadian capabilities in the industry are not known.

5.2 Future Projects

The major areas of growth and future purchases/projects for the next two to three years which have been identified by the Klang Port Authority are:

- i) Purchase of C\$8.5 million worth of plant and equipment. This will include the purchase of marine tug boats. No action has yet been taken on the project.
- ii) Modification of the existing wharf to cater for container operations. This project has not been tendered and is expected to cost about C\$6.5 million. The British firm, Coote and Partners, has recently been appointed to undertake the design work for the modifications.
- iii) Dredging of the northern and southern sea approach. This project is worth C\$2.4 million and is scheduled to commence in late 1990. Tenders for this project are expected to be called by mid year.
- iv) Purchase of two container cranes which are expected to cost C\$25 million collectively. These cranes will most likely be purchased by the privatized company since the Government plans to privatize Port Klang by June/July 1990. To date, no action has been taken regarding the proposed purchase.