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## Port Honors Bulk Ship on Maiden Voyage

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Longview, Washington - On April 20, Port of Longview Director of Terminal Operations Doug Averett and Stevedoring Services of America Superintendent Mike Cole presented a special "maiden voyage" ceremonial plaque to Captain Go of the *M/V Eco Progress*, in honor of the bulk vessel's first commercial voyage since being built in Hokaido, Japan.



The Panamanian flagged 452 foot, 18,000 deadweight ton, single-decker bulk vessel with a maximum draft of 30 feet sailed from Imabari, Japan on April 5, 2003 and arrived at the Port of Longview's Berth 5 export facility on April 19 to take on 15,000 metric tons of calcined petroleum coke bound for Newcastle, Australia.

General Steamship served as the agent for the ship's owner, Austbulk Carriers of Australia. The Port of Longview's Berth 5 facility is operated by the Port for BP West Coast Products based in Anaheim, California. Calcined petroleum coke is received at the Port from BP's Cherry Point refinery in northwest Washington.



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