

Transport and Offload of 310 Tonne Diesel Engine. Mira Flores Locks, Panama Canal

Client: BWSC on behalf of Panama Canal Authorities



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Above: Loading of the diesel engine onto the trailer.



Above: Entering the power house.



Above: Crossing over the Bridge built in 1901

This project involved the receiving of a 310 tonne diesel engine directly onto a 14 axle self propelled transporter. This diesel engine is to provide one of the Panama Canal power plants with the required additional MegaWatts. For the offload operation the traffic in the canal was stopped for a 6 hour period and the locks on both ends of the discharging vessel were closed to avoid any waves and swell. The transport route to its final destination was short, 1.5km, but difficult to manoeuvre. With a total weight of over 370 tonnes, this convoy went over a bridge built in 1901.