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## SPECIAL EDITION: LOADING OF BHPBIO SD70MACel/c in TORONTO ONT. CANADA FOR EXPORT TO PORT HEDLAND

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GMDX1008 on Toronto Harbour W52 November 19th 2008 showing locomotive on rails but covered in thick black plastic to protect the locomotive in transit on its long sea journey to Australia. GMDX is the EMD reporting marks that enables the locomotive to be hauled on US or Canadian Railroads. Photo by courtesy Joe Zika.

Mid November 2008 most of the 13 SD70MACel/c locomotives on order by BHPBIO from EMD of London Ontario had been delivered from the locomotive builders to the Port of Toronto for export to Port Hedland and delivery to BHPBIO. A number of these locomotives were stored around the Toronto waterfront awaiting the arrival of a heavy lift ship to load the locomotives. MV Jumbo Vision arrived on 26th November after completing preparations commenced loading the locomotives on 27th. The 13 locomotives were loaded with GMDX1009 [BHPBIO 4343] being the last locomotive loaded. It was the final loading of the four locomotives loaded on 29th. The ship then prepared to sail casting off overnight on 29th and by morning was proceeding to St Lawrence Seaway at the start of its journey half way across the world. I acknowledge and thank Don McQueen, Bryce Lee for the information contained in this special edition, without which there would have been no report. I thank Joe Zika who was able to get photos of these locomotives on the Toronto waterfront and of their loading on MV Jumbo Vision and for allowing their reproduction here.



GMDX 1003, GMDX1000, GMDX1007 & GMDX1002 at W52 Toronto harbour on 19th November. Photo Joe Zika



GMDX1002, GMDX1007, GMDX1000 & GMDX1003 at W52 Toronto harbour on 19th November. Photo Joe Zika





Heavy lift ship MV Jumbo Vision at Toronto harbour with GMDX1005 & GMDX1006 adjacent to the ship awaiting loading on 26th November with the City of Toronto and CN tower in background. Photo Joe Zika



Another view of MV Jumbo Vision, GMDX1005 & GMDX1006 and City of Toronto on 26/11. Photo Joe Zika





GMDX1005 swung onboard by MV Jumbo Vision heavy lift 600t ships crane then lowered into hold Photo Joe Zika



GMDX1005 being lowered into the hold of MV Jumbo Vision on 27th November with GMDX1006 still on the wharf note the wooden bogie brackets to be fitted before loading. Photo Joe Zika