

Recommendation for I&I Sling, Inc.



Baltimore, Wednesday April 18, 2007

To Whom It May Concern,

On 4/15-16-17/2007 Ports America worked the vessel Atlantic Action v.0095 at Dundalk Marine Terminal, Baltimore, Maryland. Part of the discharge on this vessel were 90 stainless steel coils mostly ranging from 7 to 10 Metric Tons some of them as high as 18 Metric Tons. (860.7 Metric Tons total)

In the past we used braided chain slings and softeners (to prevent cargo damage) to discharge coils. This was both time-consuming and hazardous.

Using the ship's gear in high winds and the Twin-Path® Slings provided by I&I Sling we reduced the expected amount of time needed to discharge this amount of cargo by 1.5 hours. The low weight, flexibility and strength of the slings were advantageous to our operation and made for a much safer work environment. The material used to make the Twin-Path® Slings eliminated the risk of cargo damage by the gear itself.

At the end of the operation the integrity of the slings was exceptional. The only suggestion was to re-enforce or sleeve the eyes of the sling for added protection. The response from the I.L.A. members working the vessel was nothing but positive.

When all was said and done, I & I Sling produced a product that is not only user friendly but increased productivity in a safe manner and will hold up to heavy use.

Best Regards,

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