

# MARITIME BARGE AND TUG LIFT

## Client Profile:

A new customer bidding for the building of floating docks, 20 barges and 16 tug boats for the Noumea market

## Client Relationship:

Formed in 2013, providing the services of ocean freight and heavy lift. BLA was awarded the project shipment from Ho Chi Minh to Noumea

## Project Profile:

Shipment consisted of 2x 145 MT barges and 1x 90 MT tug boat in March 2014. BLA chartered the Heavy Lift vessel BBC Aquamarine.



## Project Summary:

### Challenges Faced:

- Setting up a suitable schedule for wet towage cargos from yard to alongside vessel
- Unsuitable cradle could have caused damage for tug boat in loading, transport and unloading
- Accessories inside barge
- Ocean transport Vn – NC
- Permit for wet stowage cargos from yard to alongside vessel
- Since the crew needed a lot of time to open the pontoon the cargoes had to be tied alongside to wait for loading
- Position of tide meant that the tug boat could not be put in the optimum position in cradle

### Project Solving Process:

- We had to push the crew to open the pontoon as quickly as possible and had to designate a worker to look after the cargo at all times to ensure no loss or damage was caused
- Since BLAV has a close relationship with local partners we were able to help merchant arrange permit for wet stowage cargo exactly on time
- Due to the backward tide we decided to wait until next morning, when there was suitable tide to place tug boat in the best position.