
Cruise ship terminal coming up at San Diego port

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It is reported that the Port of San Diego in the US west coast state of California is to provide shore side power at the new USD 28 million cruise ship terminal to be built on the Broadway Pier.

As per report, a design for the new building was agreed after negotiations with the Centre City Development Corporation. It will include a cold ironing conduit that will comply with California's regulation to provide ships with shore power. This will allow cruise ships to turn off their diesel engines while at berth.

In 2007, the Port of San Diego had 238 cruise calls with more than 700,000 passengers. By the end of 2008, the Port anticipates that number to jump to 252 cruises and more than 800,000 passengers.

The cold ironing facility is part of the port's Green Port Program. This was developed by the Port of San Diego to support the goals of the Environmental Sustainability Policy that was approved by the Board of Port Commissioners in 2007.

One of the goals under the Green Port Program is to pursue grant funding for cold ironing at both the Cruise Ship Terminal and Tenth Avenue Marine Terminal. The port is currently conducting feasibility studies for cold ironing at National City Marine Terminal.

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