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REPORT ON THE SHIPBUILDING INDUSTRY  
OF TURKEY\*

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## I. INTRODUCTION

The roots of the Turkish shipbuilding Industry go back to year 1455 where first two shipbuilding arsenals were established in Golden Horn, Istanbul by the Ottoman Sultan, Mehmet the Conquerer. These two shipyards, namely HALIÇ and TAŞKIZAK are still in operation which are now owned and operated by the State Maritime Bank and the Navy, respectively.

Although several small shipbuilding and shiprepair facilities could be found around the Mediterranean and Black-sea coast of Asia Minor which were established by the Anotolian Seljukian Empire during XII. and XIII. Centuries (e.g. Alaiye Shipyard and Sinop Shipyard), the full fledged facilities were never founded at that time.

A new and dynamic era of economic and social development took place after the establishment of Turkish Republic in the year 1923. A comprehensive redevelopment and reconstruction process was initiated. However the expected progress in the shipping and shipbuilding industries was never fully realized during the first three decades of the new Republic mainly due to the inadequacy of capital, scarcity of know-how and limited amount of skilled man power.

Turkey has entered the "planned economy" period after the 1960's in which a balanced and rapid growth were envisaged in all economic and social sectors. The transport sector was given high priority in the Development plans since healthy and well co-ordinated development

efforts could only go hand in hand with a well prepared and implemented transport plan.

Betterment of transport services and transport infrastructure together with the expansion and Modernization of the fleet has been one of the major goals during the last two decades. Although the Development plans - which are prepared by the state Planning Organization, submitted to Government and later enacted by the Parliament - could bring forward imperative measures and investment targets to be implemented by the Public Sector, they can only describe promotive incentives for the private sector, which is a normal procedure in a democratic society. Within the framework of 5-Year Development Plans, most of the targets have been realized in the maritime field both in the public and the private sectors.

Turkish shipping and shipbuilding industries can still be considered in their infant stage. The amount of exported goods carried by Turkish flag ships can hardly exceed 20 % percent of the total. The situation is only slightly better in the import of goods to Turkey, which is only about 25 to 30 %. If one considers that almost 90 % of the Turkey's imported and exported goods are carried by ships, it would be easy to conclude that still much to be done in the Maritime Sector in Turkey in order to maximize benefits from this field. And in shipbuilding side the picture is not much different. Turkey still imports more than two-thirds of its fleet from abroad.

Turkey now aims to carry 40 % of her export and import commodities by Turkish flag ships through Modernizing and expanding the existing fleet, and to achieve this goal it is envisaged to modernize the present shipbuilding and shiprepair facilities and establish new capacity

## II. EXISTING FACILITIES

The existing shipbuilding and shiprepair facilities can be broadly classified into 3 categories according to the type of owner. These are;

- a. Facilities owned and operated by The MARITIME BANK  
(A State Economic Enterprise)
- b. " " " " THE NAVY,
- c. " " " " The PRIVATE SECTOR.

- a. The Shipyards owned and operated by the Maritime Bank.

The Maritime Bank is a State Economic Enterprise under the Ministry of Transport, established in 1951 (although it was first established in 1843 under the name of OTTOMAN INTERESTS) and authorized to operate passenger lines, cargo lines (later organized as a separate shipping lines under the name of D.B. CARGO LINES), ferry services, shipbuilding and repair facilities and to act as a banking, marine insurance and financing company, and to carry out other relevant functions. There are now studies underway to reorganize the Maritime Bank in order to create a functional set-up, e.g., a holding Company or similar. The aim is to give almost full autonomy to the new organizations under the Maritime Bank. One of them would possibly be labeled as "The shipbuilding Agency" and hopefully function much more efficiently.

Below given a list of shipyards owned and operated by the Maritime Bank, together with some operational characteristics.

**SHIPYARDS OWNED AND OPERATED BY THE MARITIME BANK**

NAME	LOCATION	TOTAL AREA (sq. meter)	no. of SLIPWAYS	SIZES OF SLIPWAYS (Meter)	ANNUAL SHIPBUILDING CAPACITY (DWT)	LARGEST SHIP TO BE BUILT (DWT)	no. of Workers	no. of Engineers/ Technicians and administrative Personnel
CAMIALTI	ISTANBUL	72 000	2	91,7x16,5 140x24	34 000	20 000	1 358	43/26/41
HALIC	ISTANBUL	69 101	2	56x18 70x23	5 600	4 000	1 740	40/51/63
ISTIHYE (1)	ISTANBUL	25 772	1 2 Floating Docks	80x20	3 400	4 000	1 020	15/13/41
HASKOY	ISTANBUL	11 335	2	53x11,3 52x11	2 700	1 700	351	8/5/32
ALAYBEY (1)	IZMIR	44 340	2	49x3,1 32x2,8	2 000	2 500	403	20/14/48
PENDIK	ISTANBUL	580 000	Drydock	-	150 000	280 000	2 000	

**Note: 1.** Dominant function of HALIC AND ALAYBEY Shipyards is shiprepair. ALAYBEY shipyard is in the midst of an enlargement and modernization process and will be equipped with drydocklift system to enable to repair 12 ships up to 12 500 DWT simultaneously.

**2.** PENDIK Shipyard is under construction and is expected to inaugurate late 1981.

b. The Shipyards owned and operated by the NAVY.

There are 2 shipyards owned by the NAVY, namely, GÖLCÜK (in İZMİT) and TAŞKIZAK (in İSTANBUL) shipyards. They are mainly constructing vessels for the NAVY although their spare capacity is allocated to build merchant ships. GOLCUK shipyard, being the largest and most modern shipyard in TURKEY (except the PENDİK Shipyard which is under construction) can build ships up to 20 000 DWT, and TAŞKIZAK shipyard can build ships up to 7 500 DWT.

c. The shipyards owned and operated by the Members of shipbuilding Association of Turkey (Privately owned Shipyards).

There are about 22 shipyards, situated mainly in the MARMARA SEA region, of different size and capacity. The bigger ones which were established in the last decade, can build almost all kind of ships (dry cargo, bulk carrier, tanker, LPG, Ro/Ro and like) up to 25 000 DWT. The total annual shipbuilding capacity of all privately owned shipyards is about 195 000 DWT/year.

Below given a list of privately owned shipyards, together with some operational characteristics.



**SHIPYARDS OWNED AND OPERATED BY THE MEMBERS OF SHIPBUILDING ASSOCIATION  
OF TURKEY (Privately owned shipyards)**

NAME	LOCATION	TOTAL AREA (sq. Meter)	NO. OF SLIPWAYS		SIZES OF SLIPWAYS (Meter)		ANNUAL SHIPBUILDING CAPACITY TO BE BUILT WORKERS (DWT)	ANNUAL SHIPBUILDING CAPACITY (DWT)	LARGEST SHIP	NO. OF BUSHENERS/technicians
			SLIPWAYS (Meter)	SLIPWAYS (Meter)	(DWT)	(DWT)				
ANADOLU	ISTANBUL	4200	2	2	75x14 75x14	5000	4000	130	3/3	
ASIAN	ISTANBUL	4000	1	1	110x7	8000	8000	45	1	
ÇELİK İSKELE	ISTANBUL	2400	2	2	70x6 69x5	6900	5000	120	7/1	
DEVAŞ	İZMİR	4200	2	2	75x21 75x21	10000	10000	57	2/3	
DEVAŞ	İZMİR	2400	2	2	60x13 40x12	1500	1500	60	1/1	
ÇELİK İSKELE	İZMİR	2100	2	2	80x14 60x12	2500	1800	25	2	

NAME	LOCATION	TOTAL AREA (sq. Meter)	No. Of SLIPWAYS	SIZES OF SLIPWAYS (Meter)	ANNUAL SHIPBUILDING CAPACITY (DWT)	LARGEST SHIP TO BE BUILT (DWT)	No. Of WORKERS	No. Of Engineers/ technicians
DÖKEREK	İSTANBUL	4200	2	75x15 75x15	3000	3500	51	1
BEYAZ	İSTANBUL	2400	1	45x12	3000	1000	42	2/2
BEYLİ-İŞ	İSTANBUL	1550	2	70x8 40x8	3750	3500	30	1
BEYİ İNŞAAT KOLL. ŞİTİ.	İSTANBUL	16000	2	30x12 30x12	3750	2500	55	1
YUNUS	İSTANBUL	2500	3	50x12 50x12 50x12	6400	3000	54	1
HİDRİDİĞALIZ	İSTANBUL	4000	2	50x14 50x14	5000	5500	50	2
GELİBOLU	ÇANAKKALE	40000	2	90x20 120x26	4500	4500	80	2
KIYI	ÇANAKKALE	50000	1	200x50	25000	10000	300	25/35

NAME	LOCATION	TOTAL AREA (sq. meter)	NO. OF SHIPWAYS	SIZES OF SHIPWAYS (meter)	ANNUAL SHIPBUILDING CAPACITY (DWT)	NO. OF WORKERS	NO. OF ENGINEERS/technicians
BARBARA	India	13000	4	110x22 80x22 8x12 14x22	17000	100	1/4
INDIA	INDONESIA	8000	2	115x18 70x18	8000	100	1/3
PROFIO	ISRAEL	15000	2	75x18 60x18	3000	70	1/2
SEDEF	ITALY	72000	4	105x18 170x22 45x12 250x40	10000	350	18/3

Note : Other small privately owned shipyards having less than 2000 sq. meter total area not included in the table.

### III. PLANS FOR THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The IV. Five Year Development Plan envisages an increase of about 1 million DWT ships of different type and size, added to the present merchant fleet of 1,8 million DWT to reach the capacity of 2,8 million DWT by the end of 1983, thus enabling to carry 40 % of Turkish export-import commodities by Turkish Flag ships.

It is also intended to build the majority of these ships locally. The additional shipbuilding capacity will be provided through PENDIK shipyard (which is expected to inaugurate late 1981) and through the shipyards to be erected in the TUZLA shipbuilding site. TUZLA Bay (near PENDIK) was prepared by the GOVERNMENT and organized in such a way that the 19 available pieces of land would be allocated to selected investors on long term lease contract basis. The sizes of these lands vary from 20.000 sq. meter to 80.000 sq. meter. In the meantime the GOVERNMENT decided to prepare and make available the site behind the TUZLA bay for the ancillary industries. Most of the shipyards at the TUZLA site are expected to be completed by the end of 1982.

The Turkish Government also decided to establish a joint venture marine diesel engine factory to be erected behind the PENDIK shipyard site. The low speed engines which will be manufactured in this factory will range from 4350 BHP to 14 400 BHP. In the meantime medium and high speed engines up to 5000-6000 BHP will be manufactured in the ESKIŞEHİR locomotive and engine factory of Turkish Railways (engines up to 2400 BHP are now manufactured in this factory). Plans are made available to enable PENDIK factory to manufacture engines up to 26800 BHP in future.

The local content in the Turkish shipbuilding industry is now roughly 50 %, but with the erection of new marine diesel engine factory, new electronic and electric equipment and component manufacturing facilities and other relevant developments in the ancillary industries will eventually lead to a much higher local content during the next V. year Development Plan periods.

Educational and training facilities are offered by the Institute of Shipbuilding, Technical University of Istanbul and newly established Faculty of Shipbuilding in the University of Ege, Izmir. Model test laboratory and other facilities are also available in the Technical University of Istanbul.

Turkey and Libya, within the context of regional cooperation, now aim to establish a new joint venture shipyard in Libya, to be realized in the next 4-5 years.

One of the major drawbacks of Turkish shipbuilding industry is the lack of a central design bureau which will develop and prepare technical designs of ships to be built in Turkey and make available the outcome to potential users. Turkey will appreciate the help of UNIDO especially in this field.



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