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At the April 1 inauguration ceremony of the CVRD ore terminal at Tubarão Vitória, the Minerals Attaché obtained pertinent, detailed descriptive matter regarding the terminal that will be of interest to the Department.

On the basis of observations made by the Attaché in relation to work done as seen on previous visits, there is no doubt that the Tubarão installations have been completed on schedule to meet the first stage designed rate of ore loading of 6,000 tons/hour or some 20 million tons per year.

However several months may elapse before the new facility will actually meet the rate. Aside from the usual new plant "tune-up" problems that always arise the principal obstacle is insufficient power. Recognizing that CEMIG power from the regional network would not be available for some period of time, CVRD planned to install its own diesel-electric units to furnish temporary power. Unfortunately a delay in delivery by General Motors upset timetables and on the day of the inauguration there was not sufficient power to operate all units at the same time. This condition will probably continue for another 30-60 days. Eventually when CEMIG power is made available, the diesel electric units will be placed on standby for emergency use.

Enclosure:

- Two copies of descriptive material on CVRD ore terminal at Tubarão.

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The over-all installation is an impressive display of competent engineering. That the CVRD conducted the inauguration with a flair for showmanship is illustrated by the following planned perfectly-timed incident. Shortly after all the invitees were assembled in a covered pavilion near the "car dumper", the car caravan of President Castelo Branco was seen approaching the pavilion. Just as the President's car stopped and he got out, a loud blast of air horns announced the simultaneous passing - at considerable speed some 100 feet distant - of a loaded ore train pulled by five diesel-electric locomotives.

The ore loading facility at Tubarão is currently operating and ships are being loaded, but not at the full rated capacity of the installation.

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