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URAGA DOCK

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Uraga Dock, a Yamashita enterprise, is one of the leading shipbuilding companies in Japan with works at Uraga, Yokohama, Tsingtao, China and possibly Aoshima. In an advertisement appearing in a Japanese 1939-1940 publication, Uraga Dock describes itself as "Shipbuilders and Repairers, Marine and Land Engineers, Boiler Makers, and Construction and Civil Engineers. (1) Dai Nippon Heiki (Greater Japan Arms (2)) is a subsidiary of Uraga Dock and was, according to the Oriental Economist of Feb. 4, 1939, the former Tomioka factory of Uraga Dock. This same issue refers to Uraga as an "old and established heavy industry company". (3)

The Teikoku Ginko Kaisha Yoroku (Directory of Banks and Companies of the Empire) and the Kabushiki Kaisha Nenkan (Corporations Yearbook) of November and October 1940, respectively, state that the capitalization of Uraga was 15 million yen and the products produced at this dockyard included machine parts, belt conveyors, telemotors, iron framework, and warships. These Japanese directories (3) give the following three addresses for Uraga Dock:

Uraga, Uraga machi Kanagawa machi
Yokohama, Kanagawa-Ku
Aoshima

As of January 1937, Uraga Dockyard was reported to have under actual or projected construction at its yards a total of 43,000 tons of shipping and as of Jan. 1936 to have employed 2,420 workers. (4)

A total of \$114,908.19 worth of steel materials for marine boilers was ordered in the U. S. A. since Dec. 1936 by Uraga Dock, all of which was shipped to Japan. These orders are tabulated below, together with inquiries which were made for additional supplies. This data was obtained after an examination of the files of Mitsui & Co., Mitsubishi Shoji Kaisha, Ataka & Co., and Okura & Co., Japanese trading companies whose records are held by the Alien Property Custodian in a warehouse at 27 Cliff St., New York City. All of the material was destined for the port of Yokohama and there is no indication in the files as to which of the Uraga Shipyards received the shipments.

Okura Orders. (Detailed specifications are in the files.)

Order Number	Date	Manufacturer	No.	Product	Price
11104	12/2/36	Bethlehem	130	Mild steel boiler plates	\$10,492.71
11261	3/17/37	Luken Steel	90	Steel boiler plates	6,895.00
11262	3/17/37	Luken Steel	12	Flange boiler plates	3,462.00
<u>Steel Boiler Plates</u> (For Marine Use)					
11339	5/8/37	U.S. Steel	20	Boiler plates - flange quality	
			56	Boiler plates - firebox quality	9,920.72
11404	6/8/37	Luken Steel	18	Boiler plates - flange quality	
			54	Boiler plates - firebox quality	11,334.56
11408	6/7/37	Bethlehem	171	Stay bars (for marine use)	
			312	Boiler quality rivet bars (for marine boiler)	2,520.25
<u>Mild Steel Boiler Materials</u> (For Marine Boiler)					
11554-5	11/4/37	Bethlehem	156	Plates	
			738	Bars	18,760.51

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<u>Order Number</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Manufacturer</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>Price</u>
11570	11/12/37	Bethlehem	38	Mild steel boiler plates	\$3,901.50
11670	5/6/38	Bethlehem	738	Boiler round bars	
11671			38	Mild steel boiler plates	
11672			156	Mild steel boiler plates	
					20,396.55

Mild Steel Boiler Materials

11751-3	5/18/38	Bethlehem	64	Mild steel boiler plates	
			1509	Mild steel boiler round bars	
					25,880.20

(Original inquiry was for 432 pieces Boiler Plates and 2,628 pieces Boiler Round Bars but Japanese authorities refused to grant import permission for so large an order.)

Mild Steel Boiler Plates

11761	9/21/38	U. S. Steel	12	Ordinary flange quality plates	
			21	Ordinary firebox quality plates	
					1,743.57

Okura Inquiry.

22973	U. S. Steel	3060	Mild Steel Boiler Plates for 18 Boilers	
4/21/38				

Mitsubishi Shoji Kaisha Inquiries. (Detailed specifications are in the files.)

NY 2270	<u>Marine Engine Forgings:</u>	12	Pcs. Reduction gear rim, crankshaft, etc., for Ship or "Hull" #469
9/5/39		36	Pcs. Reduction gear rim, mastershaft, crankshaft, etc. for ships or "Hulls" #464, 466, 467.
NY 2401	<u>Forged Steel Shafts</u>	6	Forged Steel Shafts for Ship #469
9/14/39		18	Forged Steel Shafts for Ships #464, 466, 467.

Footnotes

- (1) "Glimpses of the East" 1939-1940, published by the Nippon Yusen Kaisha Steamship Line, p. 52.
- (2) See Department of Justice Report #N.Y. 237 on Dai Nippon Heiki by Harvey Storch.
- (3) As reported by John Williams, OEW, in "A Directory of Certain Japanese Industrial Companies", August, 1943.
- (4) The Industrialization of Japan and Manchukuo, 1930-1940, by Schumpeter, Allen, Gordon and Penrose, p. 615.