



free digging = unloading rate which can be sustained for reasonable (defined) time interval, when digging from a specified point in the barge. This point is generally located at the horizontal centre of the ship and vertically at the mean low water for the port. In general it represents the mean (or somewhat below mean) situation for unloading rate that would be achieved. This rate is marginally specific to the port and does not consider barge movement, barge cover handling, clean-up, waiting time or any other time loss. © 2011

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