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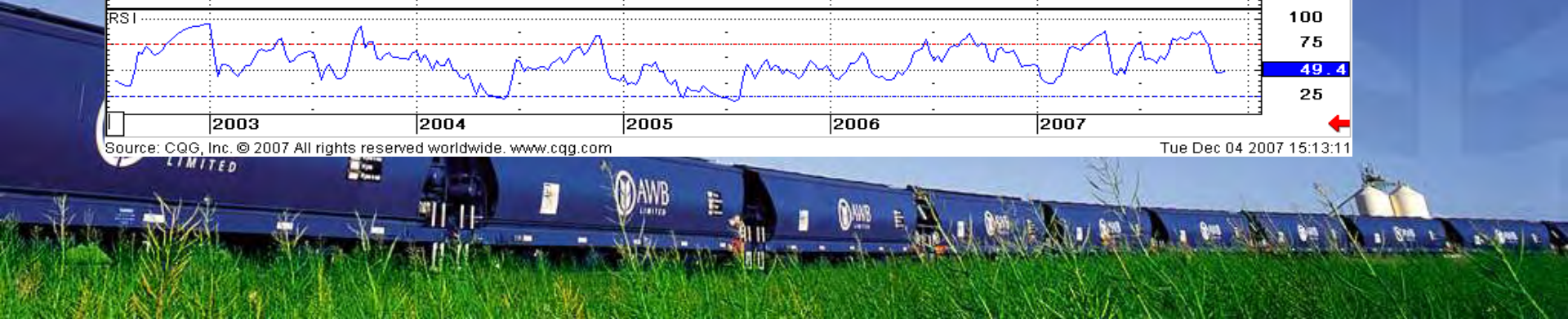


Panamax time-charter rates (Nopac round)



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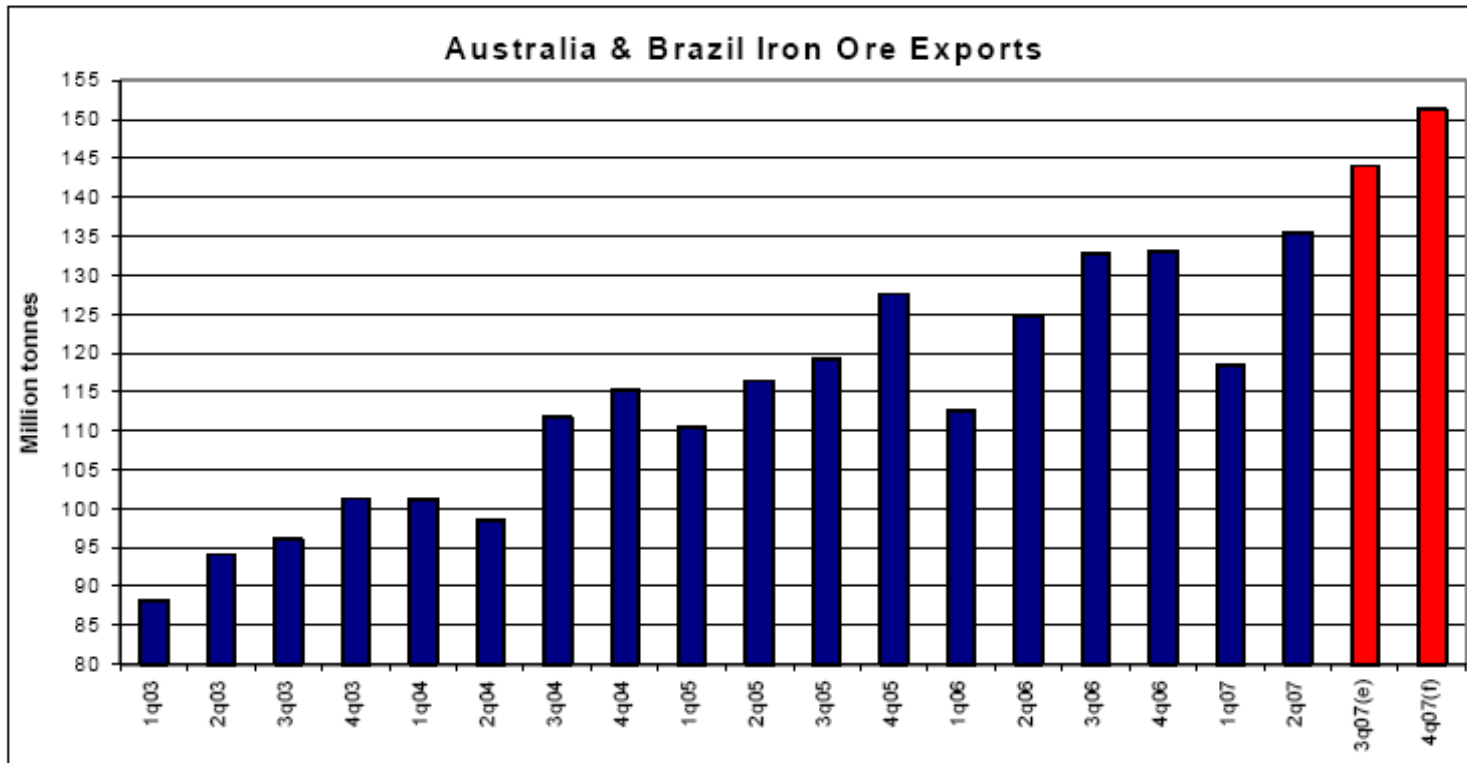
Major drivers – last 12 months

- Iron Ore into China – record volumes
- Congestion at Australian coal ports – currently 110 ships waiting to load coal. Down from 160 ships during Q1 07
- Continued strong demand for coal
- Cement ex China into the U.S (now declining)



Major drivers – last 12 months

- Iron Ore volumes

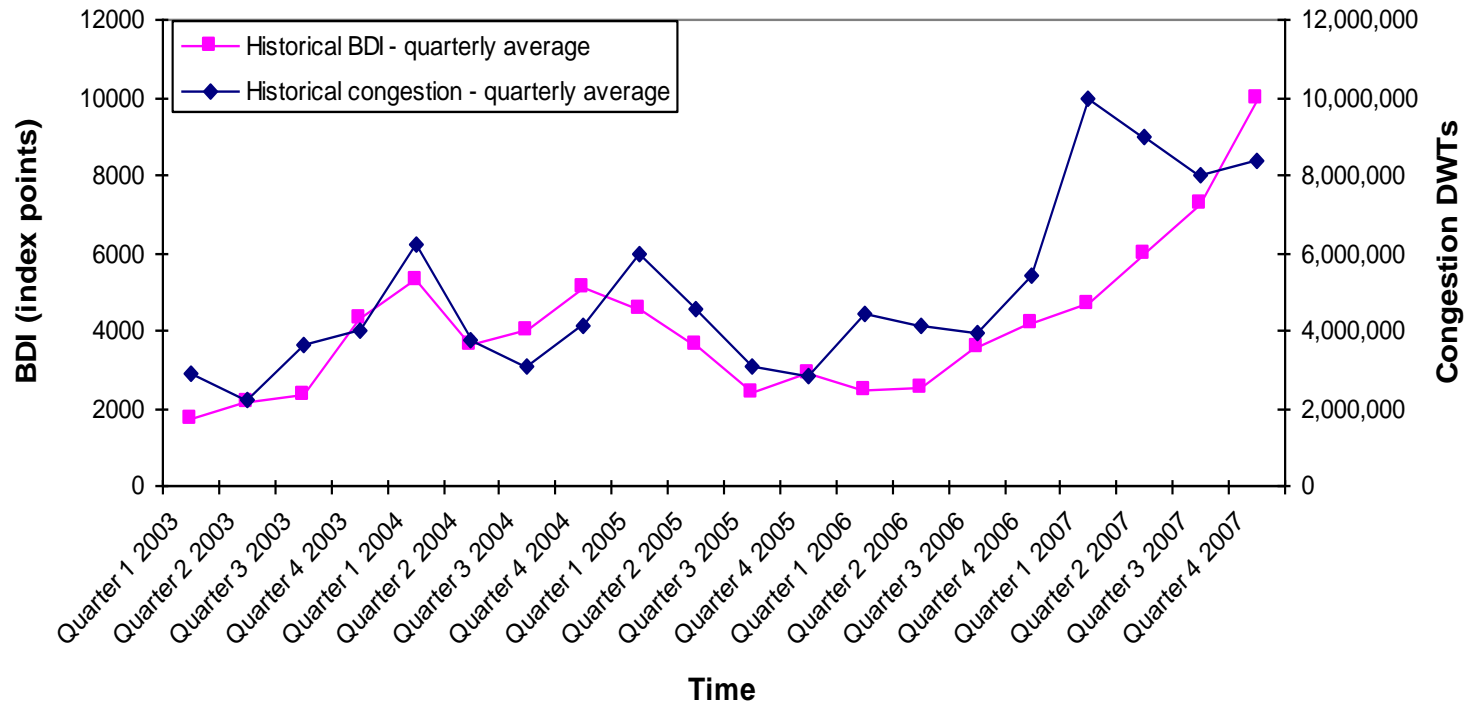


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Congestion vs. Baltic Dry Index

Congestion at Australian coal ports vs. the BDI



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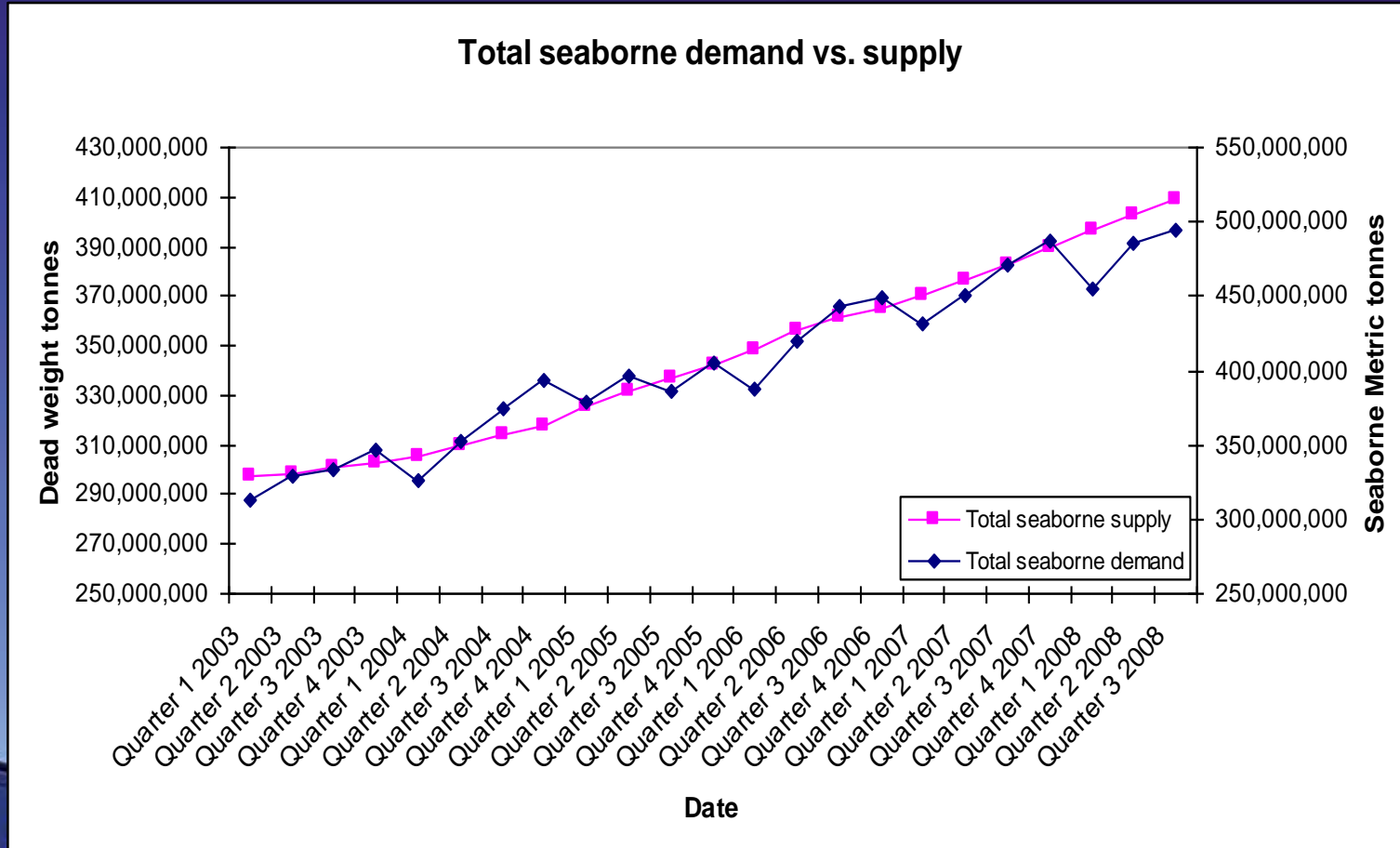
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Looking forward – demand vs. supply



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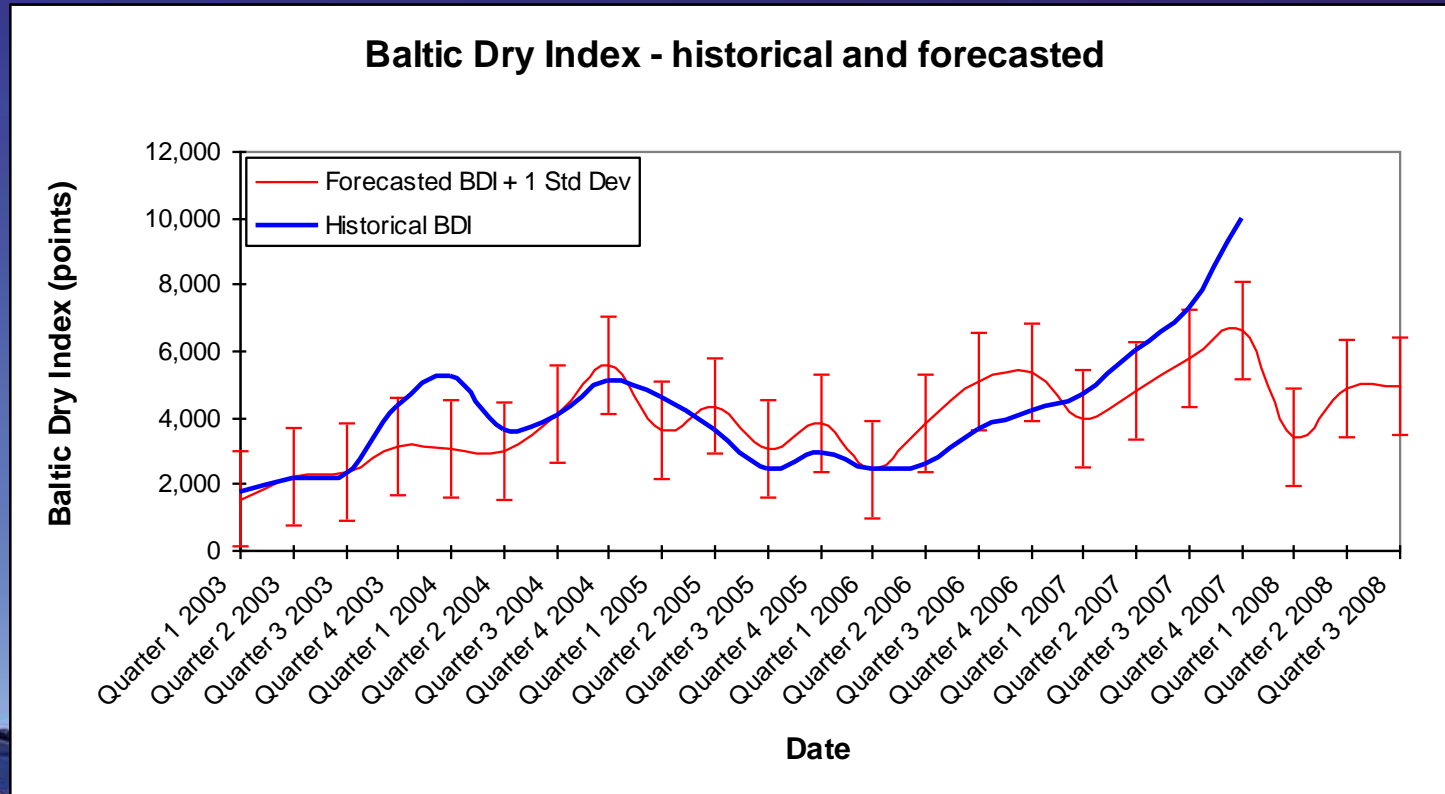
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Looking forward continued...

- Predictions for the Baltic Dry Index – quarterly averages



Looking forward – next 12 months

- Expect decrease in Iron Ore volumes going into Q1 before recovering and growing through to end 2008
- Congestion to rise slightly through Q1 as a result of supply chain inefficiencies before declining to current levels through balance of 2008
- Supply to start overtaking growth in demand
- Average BDI for 2008 to be slightly less than 2007 but still strong against historical rates

