

Table 4

**Iron ore: World seaborne trade in 1997**

In '000 tonnes

From:	To:	UK/ Continent	Mediterranean	Other Europe	United States	Japan	Other Far East	Others	Total 1997	Total 1996	Total 1995
Scandinavia		12,705	392	576	235	-	2,258	2,893	19,059	16,135	16,395
Other Europe		1,284	70	73	68	1	-	11	1,507	3,468	3,113
West Africa		6,838	3,526	498	-	-	112	918	11,892	10,265	11,370
Other Africa		4,412	1,351	2,999	12	4,862	6,413	711	20,760	19,025	21,395
N. America		16,149	1,596	354	6,633	1,005	3,432	630	29,799	23,213	26,104
S. America [Atlantic]		44,343	10,655	10,317	7,386	30,079	27,726	19,953	150,459	138,630	141,105
S. America [Pacific]		477	-	68	493	3,681	5,330	425	10,474	10,810	12,157
Asia		1,308	1,062	490	-	20,933	10,091	2,893	36,777	34,993	37,262
Australia/New Zealand		20,578	1,904	1,243	742	66,069	57,969	963	149,468	133,786	133,355
Total 1997		108,094	20,556	16,618	15,569	126,630	113,331	29,397	430,195		
Total 1996		95,292	19,327	22,117	15,071	119,206	95,659	24,661		391,332	
Total 1995		107,156	21,528	21,939	14,569	120,433	92,539	24,092			402,256

Note: Import statistics are used whenever possible. Imports to the United States from Canada via Great Lakes are excluded.

"Others" are partly estimated.

Source: Fearnleys *World Bulk Trades 1998*, Oslo, 1999.