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ITS GOING TO GET WINDY



After a gap in the importation of windfarm components, a total of six vessels brought cargoes of this nature over the last month including the featured *New Legend Ruby*, *Chipol Changjiang*, *Da Liang*, *Warnow Merkur*, *Danzigergracht* and *Da An*. Photographed by Glenn Ross is the recently dry docked Panama flagged *New Legend Ruby* anchoring off Melbourne having arrived from Taicang with blades, towers, nacelles and containers of spares – enough for eight wind turbines out of a total of 149 for transport to the Stockyard Hill Wind Farm Project west of the provincial city of Ballarat for shipper / importer Goldwind Energy. After several days at anchor, she was alongside at Lascelles 3 over the 30/7 – 4/8. *New Legend Ruby* has the IMO 9526265, was built at Wuhu Xinlian Shipbuilding in '14 and was originally the *Rickmers Mumbai* but was sold off the blocks to Chinese interests possibly due to late delivery. She is 175m length overall, gross tonnage is 19,534, deadweight tonnage is 24,316. She has 2 x 350mt cranes, 1 x 50mt and a teu capacity of 1,430. Her registered owner is Xiangchi Shanghai Ship Charter of China, beneficial owners are unknown but no doubt a Chinese Government controlled shipping entity, managers are Tianjin Xinhai Intl Ship Management with Hong Fa Shipping her commercial manager and operator. Sailed for Esperance to load spodumene for China.