**CLAIMS**

1. An arrangement for removing dredged material from at least one cargo space of a vessel, the arrangement comprising:

at least one channel at a base of the cargo space;

pipework for removing the dredged material; and

at least one suction inlet, the suction inlet being operated by at least one operating device in the cargo space to produce suction at the suction inlet, for allowing dredged material in the cargo space to enter the suction inlet and travel through at least one section of the pipework, for removing the material from the cargo space;

wherein the operating device comprises at least one ejector, which is driven by a supply of drive fluid comprising water.

2. An arrangement as claimed in claim 1, further comprising pipework for supplying water into the cargo space for producing a slurry in the cargo space, the slurry comprising particles of dredged material.

3. An arrangement as claimed in claim 2, further comprising a plurality of nozzles arranged in the cargo space for delivering the water out of the pipework and into the cargo space for producing the slurry.

4. An arrangement as claimed in claim 2 or 3, the vessel being provided with at least one nozzle for outputting water into a hold of the vessel such that the water mixes with particles of the dredged material to produce the slurry, the nozzle being arranged in any one of: above the cargo space; near the base of a storage space; in the channel; or, on a crest or a ridge between adjacent channels, the adjacent channels being arranged on the base of the storage space.

5. An arrangement as claimed in any of claims 2 to 4, wherein the water is supplied from equipment on a pump barge separate from the vessel or from equipment on board the vessel.

6. An arrangement as claimed in any preceding claim, further comprising pipework for supplying the drive fluid for the ejector.

7. An arrangement as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the water for the ejector is supplied from equipment on a pump barge separate from the vessel or from equipment on board the vessel.

8. An arrangement as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the ejector comprises a venturi tube across which a flow is provided using the drive fluid for generating suction at the suction

inlet, the dredged material being combined with drive fluid in the ejector such that the dredged material travels in the flow through the section of pipework for removing the dredged material from the cargo space.

9. An arrangement as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the operating device requires no moving parts in order to operate.

10. An arrangement as claimed in any preceding claim, further comprising a plurality of channels and at least one suction inlet for each channel.

11. An arrangement as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the suction inlet is provided in fixed position within the cargo space.

12. An arrangement as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the pipework comprises fixed pipework.

13. An arrangement as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the suction inlet and/or operating device is buried within the dredged material contained in the cargo space during the removal of dredged material.

14. A vessel comprising at least one cargo space containing dredged material, the vessel fitted with the arrangement as claimed in any preceding claim.

15. A vessel comprising a plurality of cargo spaces, respectively fitted with an arrangement as claimed in any of claims 1 to 13 for removing the dredged material.

16. A vessel as claimed in claim 14 or 15, which is converted for performing an operation in which dredged material can be contained in a cargo space and is removable from the cargo space, the vessel being converted by fitting said arrangement.

17. A vessel as claimed in claim 16, which prior to conversion, comprises pre-existing pipework for supplying water, the pre-existing pipework being utilised for supplying water into the storage space for producing a slurry including particles of the dredged material.

18. A vessel as claimed in any of claims 14 to 17, wherein the arrangement is fitted without pipework penetrating a bulkhead between adjacent cargo spaces of the vessel.

19. A vessel as claimed any of claims 14 to 18, wherein the vessel is a dry bulk carrier or a flat top barge.

20. A method of converting a vessel by fitting the arrangement of any of claims 1 to 13 to the vessel.

21. A method of removing dredged material from at least one cargo space of a vessel, the material to be removed being contained in the cargo space, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a vessel fitted with an arrangement as claimed in any of claims 1 to 13;

operating the operating device to produce suction at the suction inlet such that dredged material enters the suction inlet and travels through at least one section of the pipework to remove the material from the cargo space, wherein the operating device comprises at least one ejector operable by a drive fluid comprising water; and

supplying the drive fluid comprising water into the cargo space to operate the ejector.

22. A method as claimed in claim 21, which further comprises supplying water into the cargo space to produce the slurry comprising dredged material.

23. A method as claimed in claim 21 or 22, wherein the water is supplied through fixed pipework on the vessel.

24. A method as claimed in any of claims 21 to 23, wherein the water is supplied using a pump on a pump barge connected to pre-existing water supply pipework on the vessel.