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On Oct. 28, Notimex reported that the Zocana consortium, comprised of US and Dutch investors, had acquired Astilleros Unidos de Veracruz (AUVER). The shipyard was made available for privatization six months ago. Notimex's source, AUVER employees' union leader, Raul Vela Portilla, said he had no details on the sale price. According to Vela Portilla, the company currently has contracts to build 12 ships for Dutch buyers. Consequently, he added, the shipyard is working at 100% capacity.

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