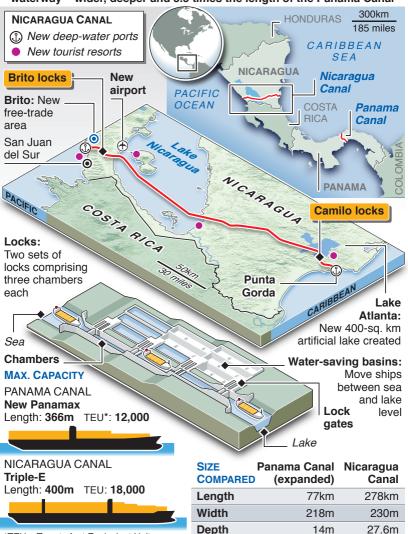
Construction of Nicaragua canal begins

Nicaragua's government says the \$40bn canal will boost the country's economy but opponents are alarmed by the environmental impact of the waterway – wider, deeper and 3.5 times the length of the Panama Canal



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*TEU = Twenty-foot Equivalent Unit

(container capacity)