



## **DP WORLD SOUTHAMPTON UPGRADES TERMINAL WITH DEEPER BERTHS AND NEW CRANES**

**Southampton 2 June 2010:** DP World Southampton is upgrading its shipside capabilities by deepening its container berths and purchasing further ship to shore cranes.

Once the dredging works are completed later this year the depth for berths 205, 206 and 207 will be 14.0m, 14.6m and 15m respectively. These deeper berths will provide greater flexibility for vessels calling at Southampton with almost 80% of the terminal's quay providing a minimum depth of 14.0m alongside.

In addition to the dredging works, DP World Southampton has placed an order with Liebherr for two additional super post-panamax cranes to upgrade the terminal's crane fleet. These new cranes will mean that 50% of the terminal's crane fleet are of super post-panamax design.

The new cranes will have an outreach of 22 containers wide and will be identical to the four cranes which were commissioned in 2008 and 2009 and servicing the new generation of mega-vessels. It is anticipated that both cranes will be delivered to the terminal during the first quarter of 2011.

**Talking about the deeper berths and new cranes – Chris Lewis, DP World Southampton Managing Director, said:** *“The terminal continues to meet the ongoing industry trend towards larger containerships through providing deeper berths and upgrading our crane fleet with super post-panamax cranes which have enhanced operational capability and technology.”*

*“Deep water berths coupled with the commissioning of two more super post-panamax cranes are two exciting developments for the terminal and will mean that we have the capability of servicing some of the widest and deep drafted container ships in operation in a highly efficient and productive way.”*

Civil works to extend the terminal's third crane rail, which enables the super post-panamax class of crane to move along the quay, were completed at the beginning of April. The works mean that the super post-panamax cranes can now operate on 80% of the terminal's quay.

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**Notes to Editors:**

- DP World Southampton is the UK's second largest container terminal.
- DP World Southampton is a joint venture between DP World (51%) and Associated British Ports (49%).
- In July 2008 DP World Southampton commissioned two super-post-panamax cranes into operation followed by a further two identical cranes in June 2009.
- DP World is one of the largest marine terminal operators in the world, with 49 terminals and 12 new developments across 31 countries<sup>1</sup>.
- In 2009, DP World handled more than 43.4 million TEU across its portfolio.

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<sup>1</sup> As of January 2010