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TILBURY SECURES UK'S FIRST AEO ACCREDITATION FOR A MULTIPURPOSE PORT

The Port of Tilbury, London's major port, has this week been awarded an internationally recognised quality mark – the Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) - issued by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC).

The Port of Tilbury is the first multipurpose port in the UK to receive full AEO status for security and customs simplification processes. The accreditation follows a full site audit at the port by the HMRC which thoroughly reviewed the port's operational processes, IT, security, storage, procurement and HR procedures.

The AEO accreditation recognises that the customs controls and procedures at the port are efficient and compliant and most importantly, secure.

Commenting on the award, **Paul Dale, Asset and Site Director at the Port of Tilbury** said: *"This is excellent and significant news for the Port of Tilbury as we are the first multipurpose port in the UK to be recognised with full AEO status. We have always provided an efficient and secure process, but this accreditation also gives our customers the reassurance that we have robust processes in place."*

Charles Hammond, Chief Executive of Forth Ports, owners of The Port of Tilbury said: *"We are thrilled that the Port of Tilbury has been awarded full AEO status. As the UK's moves towards Brexit, this internationally recognised award is extremely positive for both the port and our diverse customer base who will continue to benefit from working with us under this quality accreditation."*

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About The Port of Tilbury - the major gateway to London and the South East

The Port of Tilbury is London's major port, providing fast, modern distribution services for the benefit of the South East of England and beyond. The Port of Tilbury is a dynamic and diverse port, handling the full range of cargoes with specialist expertise in the handling of paper and forest products, containers, Ro Ro, grain and bulk commodities and construction and building materials.

Tilbury's strategic location makes it a natural point for distribution, with 18 million people living within 75 miles. Serving the UK's market, the port offers customers excellent transport links to and from the UK's capital and across the South East where over 50% of the population live and work.

The port is a diverse multi-modal hub, covering around 1,100 acres and is well positioned to access the M25 orbital motorway and the rest of the UK's national motorway network. In addition, there are direct rail connections within the port, with access to the whole of the UK rail network, and dedicated barge facilities.

Tilbury2 - 152 acres of land, including a proposed further deep water jetty, close to the east of the existing Port of Tilbury which Forth Ports intends to use to extend their current operations with the creation of a new port terminal, to grow to meet the needs of their customers and market demands. It would bring the total port acreage to 1,100 acres. . It is anticipated that an application for a development consent order to permit the new port terminal will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate (acting on behalf of the Department for Transport) in late 2017. It is envisaged that Tilbury2 will be a construction materials and short-sea shipping hub, handling imported and exported materials and goods. www.tilbury2.co.uk

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