

GREENOCK WELCOMES ITS LARGEST EVER CONTAINER VESSEL

Scotland's deepest container terminal last week welcomed the largest container vessel ever to berth at the port.

Greenock Ocean Terminal hosted the 267m MSC POHORJE, which has a capacity of 4,045 TEUs (twenty foot equivalent units), for 28 hours. The stopover saw the Clydeport team load 500 TEUs of Scottish spirits destined for Le Havre, France.

Andrew Hemphill, Port Director, Peel Ports Clydeport said: "This is a fine example of how our connections with Liverpool are adding real value to our customers who are experiencing an increase in export demand.

"The new deep-water Liverpool2 container terminal is opening up a lot of exciting options for importers and exporters. As part of the Peel Ports Group we're ideally placed to offer those benefits to businesses in Scotland.

"I am very much looking forward to welcoming more vessels like the POHORJE from Liverpool."

Earlier this year, Greenock Ocean Terminal announced its intention to handle 200,000 TEUs a year by 2021, which represents a 100% increase on today's 100,000 units.

Plans to grow the terminal have also been drawn up to help the team reach their ambitions, including a 150m quayside extension to support larger vessels coming in.

Key facts and figures

- Feeder services that connect with Southampton, Liverpool, Belfast, Dublin, Irlam, Bilbao, Le Havre, Antwerp and Rotterdam
- 372m of quayside with an unrestricted draft of 11.7m
- 50-acre site, with great connectivity to M8
- Three large shore-side container cranes (32m reach across)
- 10 straddle carriers
- Two empty container stackers
- Variety of forklifts from 1-14 tonnes
- 25,000 sq m of modern multiuser warehousing
- Container loading and unloading carried out on site
- Over 80 reefer points, with plans to increase to 100+
- M&R repair facilities on site
- Container weighing

Ends

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About Peel Ports Group

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Peel Ports handles 65million tonnes of cargo every year, which is around 13% of the total UK major ports traffic. Over 35 shipping line services (from 26 shipping lines) call through its network of ports every week. Headquartered in Liverpool, it employs around 1,200 staff, and had revenue of £596m and EBITDA of £212m for the year ending 31 March 2016.

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