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PD Ports achieves environmental management system recognition

29 May 2012 - PD Ports has recently been awarded the ISO 14001 Environmental Management Systems (EMS) certification, one of the first UK ports businesses to achieve this qualification.

The award winning UK ports business achieved the ISO 14001 accreditation, guided and advised by international environmental consultancy ENVIRON, who provided support throughout the implementation process, starting with a gap analysis, drafting procedures, training employees and undertaking legal compliance evaluations.

Russ McCallion, PD Ports' Human Resources Director, added: "For about 18 months we have been working hard on achieving formal accreditation for our Environmental System to ISO 14001 standards. This is an outstanding achievement for PD Ports, and huge credit goes to our team of Environmental Champions who have all done an excellent job in making this objective real and deliverable.

"This, of course, is only the start of our programme to achieve and maintain excellence in the management of our environmental obligations."

Emma Goodchild, Manager at ENVIRON, said: "Our approach built on PD Ports' earlier work in conservancy and its existing Health and Safety Management system. It focused on empowering staff to successfully implement the EMS within their areas of responsibility. This means that the Group now has an extremely strong and capable team of Environmental Champions, which was particularly commented upon by the scheme's external auditors SGS."

SGS also commented on the low number of minor non conformances found across the Group during the external auditing process, they said it was unusual to find so few in businesses as large and diverse as PD Ports at the initial accreditation stage.

"Now that the ISO 14001 certification has been achieved, the plan is to move towards achieving cost savings and reducing carbon emissions through better energy and resource efficiency," concluded Russ.

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Caption: employees celebrate gaining the environmental accreditation

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An international consultancy, ENVIRON works with clients to help resolve their most demanding environmental and human health issues. We combine resources across geographic boundaries and technical and scientific disciplines to provide clients with the best, most responsive team—whether responding to existing challenges, evaluating opportunities to improve performance, or seeking to reduce future liabilities. Clients around the world benefit from our unique ability to bring clarity to issues at the intersection of science, business and policy.

About PD Ports

PD Ports is a multi award winning ports and logistics business delivering solutions to improve supply chains. Based in the north of England, PD Ports operates from locations at many key UK ports and logistics centres.

PD Ports owns and operates one of the largest UK ports, Teesport. It handles over 35M tonnes each year and has increased container volumes by more than 40% in the past five years. It has been developed to become the northern gateway for container traffic, handling over 420,000 TEU last year, and is positioned for further significant growth.

All port operations are backed by a comprehensive logistics network through PD Logistics, which is part of the PD Ports Group.

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