

**London – 15<sup>th</sup> January 2013**

## New leadership committed to customer service and growth

On Saturday 12th January; representatives from 30 overseas partners joined with 1,400 colleagues at a party in London's picturesque Battersea Park, to celebrate the company's 50th Anniversary and launch as Allport Cargo Services.

At the event, Jerry Gray and Danny Clayton were introduced as newly appointed Joint Group Managing Directors, taking over the running of the business with the blessing of the original founders.

The focus for the new management will be on developing customer service, growing new business streams and embracing change where necessary.

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## **ADDITIONAL TEXT FOLLOWS**

At a board meeting on the 12th December John Lau, principal owner of the Allport Cargo Services Group, announced that from 2nd April 2013, Danny Clayton will join Jerry Gray as Joint Managing Directors of Allport Cargo Services.

The new appointments confirm the belief and confidence that the principal shareholders Cargo Services and HSBC have in the people employed within the business.

John Lau said, "Over the years I have witnessed Danny Clayton develop the Supply Chain Management Division, from humble beginnings to the largest team of retail-dedicated supply chain professionals, with top supermarkets, retailers and fashion brands amongst our portfolio of clients."

"I have been extremely impressed with the excellent team that he has built and the way that he and Jerry, formerly Sea Freight Managing Director, have worked so closely in the past. Their coming together is a natural progression, combining Danny's vision and determination to grow the business, together with Jerry's vast experience of running of it."

"I have absolute confidence in their ability to lead the business and bring Allport, now Allport Cargo Services, to the next generation of success."

Danny Clayton who has worked for the Group for almost 30 years said "It goes without saying that I am extremely excited about my new role and I am very much looking forward to working with Jerry."

"We want to develop our services to customers, grow new business streams and embrace change where necessary, whilst never losing sight of our values, to ensure Allport Cargo Services remains a company that is the envy of the forwarding industry."

Jerry Gray added, "Danny and I will form a resolute partnership to reach the ambitious goals we have for the company and take us through the next stage of development. I am very excited about the future for this fantastic organisation."

## **About Allport Cargo Services**

Founded in 1963 Allport Cargo Services operate in 30 countries, with representation in another 100.

Our network extends to 450 offices, with more than 21,000 colleagues and a worldwide turnover exceeding £600 million.

Headquartered in Cowley, Middlesex, our 1,000 UK based colleagues operate out of 20 hi-tech logistics hubs, packaging factories and freight centres: Packing, handling and transporting cargo globally every day for 3,000 customers in a range of sectors.

In addition to traditional multi-modal forwarding operations, three of the top four UK supermarkets engage with Allport for supply chain management and a range of specialist services have been developed for the defence, HiTech, film, fashion and event sectors.

Committed to providing ethical supply chain solutions, Allport Cargo Services have adopted ethical commitments globally, with independent compliance auditing and visibility through a dedicated web portal.