

## PORTLAND PORT WELCOMES NEW LIQUID BULK IMPORT



PICTURE: 50 Tonne Crane Berth in foreground with Portland Port and Portland Harbour in the background

Portland Port is pleased to announce the start of a new liquid cargo import operation. JuiSea Shipping will be operating a regular service from Ghent, part of the North Seat Port company, bringing orange juice to the United Kingdom through Portland Port.

This new operation follows the completion of successful trials and uses 50 Tonne Crane Berth, an historic berth that was sensitively refurbished to bring it back into working order. There will be over 30 shipments a year by the vessel MV Marilie with the product being taken onward by road to Refresco's Bridgwater plant. Previously, the product was imported by road tanker all the way from Ghent and the switch to bulk delivery by ship via Portland will significantly reduce the number of road miles and the carbon footprint for the operation.

JuiSea Shipping is a collaboration of Refresco and Trilobes. The Refresco Group is the largest bottler of soft drinks and fruit juices, in the world and Trilobes specialises in ship cargo systems for liquid bulk.

Ian McQuade commented that "We are delighted to welcome JuiSea Shipping to Portland. These shipments add another product to the port's cargo mix. We have worked closely with both Refresco and Trilobes on this project for a number of years and it is very satisfying to now see the operation up and running. We look forward to a long and successful relationship with JuiSea Shipping and will continue to explore the opportunity for further liquid bulk operations in the future".

### NOTES TO EDITORS

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Previously a naval dockyard for over 150 years, Portland Harbour is now a thriving and successful commercial facility. It still maintains a close relationship with the past through its ongoing contract to support the RFA, as well as being home to the activities of Global Marine and Portland Bunkers UK. It has almost 2,500 hectares of water at depths of up to 15m (C.D.); and provides vessel services from long term lay-ups to brief maintenance calls, luxury cruise liner docking facilities to industrial cargo shipments.

The tariff and general Portland Harbour Authority information can be viewed at <http://www.portland-port.co.uk/>

Portland Port has over 2,000 metres of alongside berths and 11.6 metres (C.D.) depth of water at the deepest alongside berth.

Berthing for vessels up to 350 metres (subject to Harbour Master's discretion).

11 designated anchorages are within the 1,015-hectare inner harbour. Six designated anchorages are within the 1,436-hectare Outer Harbour.

A width of 210 metres and depth of over 12.6 metres (C.D.) at the entrance of the harbour mean that there are few vessel, beam, lock, or air draft restrictions.

