Forth Ports Achieves ISO 50001 Standard

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ISO STANDARD CEMENTS FORTH PORTS POSITION

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Forth Ports has achieved an ISO 50001 Standard in Energy Management, cementing the businesses' commitment towards sustainability and the environment across all its operations. It is the first time the port operator has achieved the standard which recognises organisations that have established 'systems and processes necessary to improve energy performance, including energy efficiency, use and consumption'.

Dr Derek McGlashan, Group Health, Safety and Environment Manager said: "Forth Ports have a genuine commitment towards using sustainable approaches and processes throughout our operations. The ISO 50001 Standard is a fantastic framework to support Forth Port's strategic commitment to create sustainable communities through long term investment through both large scale and smaller projects across the business.

"Whether it's our 4-turbine wind farm at Tilbury ('Britain's Greenest Port), LED lighting which continues to be installed across our sites, or the optimisation and monitoring of operating speeds of our marine plant including pilot boats and tugs in Scotland, we know that is good for both the business and the environment. We could not have achieved this without the support of all our staff and we are committed to the continuous assessment and auditing that the Standard requires."

The achievement of the ISO 50001 Standard builds on other recent successes, including Forth Ports' being named 'Green Company of the Year' in 2013 at the Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce Business Excellent Awards.

In its day-to-day business Forth Ports helps the UK economy reduce its carbon footprint by moving large volumes of goods in the most environmentally friendly way possible. Shipping large volumes is the most efficient form of transportation for carbon consumption and Forth Ports annually saves 10 times more C02 than they consume across their Ports through the services that are supported. They also strive to develop supply chain routes that use the Port facilities as much as possible to further reduce carbon impact for customers.

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Notes to Editors:

• Forth Ports owns and operates eight commercial ports in the UK - Tilbury on the Thames, Dundee in the Firth of Tay and five in the Firth of Forth - Leith, Grangemouth, Rosyth, Methil, Kirkcaldy and Burntisland. Within and around the Firths of Forth and Tay, Forth Ports manages and operates an area of 280 square miles of navigable waters, including two specialised marine terminals for oil and gas export and provides other marine services, such as towage and conservancy.

About the ISO 50001Standard

- ISO (the International Organization for Standardisation) is a worldwide federation of national standards bodies (ISO member bodies). The work of preparing International Standards is normally carried out through ISO technical committees.
- The ISO 50001:2011 Energy Management System is based on the management system model of continual improvement also used for other well-known standards such as ISO 9001 for Quality or ISO 14001 for Environment. This makes it easier for organizations to integrate energy management into their overall efforts to improve quality and environmental management.