

4-year deal secured with SCS for London Container Terminal

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SCS MULTIPOINT SIGNS NEW FOUR YEAR DEAL FOR AMSTERDAM TILBURY SERVICE (ATS) AT LONDON CONTAINER TERMINAL

London Container Terminal (LCT) in Tilbury has secured a four year agreement with SCS Multiport to handle the newly upgraded ATS (Amsterdam Tilbury Service).

The upgrade comes on the back of long term commitments from a number of cargo owners reflecting the success of the service. The three times a week shuttle between Amsterdam and Tilbury will see a 50% capacity upgrade with the arrival of the Pengalia a 700 TEU vessel scheduled to make her first call in London Container Terminal on the 8th April. The service will carry cargo including construction materials, bricks, cocoa, foodstuffs and animal foods.

Commenting on the new deal, **Ross McKissock, Asset Manager, London Container Terminal** said:

"It's great to have secured a further four years with SCS and to be able to support their significant investment into this service. We already have a successful relationship with SCS who benefit from our location, efficiency and ongoing transportation links to their market in the UK. Today's announcement follows the news last week that we have also secured Seatrade's Rapid transit New Zealand and Pacific service - the fastest service from NZ to the UK."

SCS Multiport's Anton van Hattem said: "*Forth Ports and SCS Multiport have built a strong relationship over the past five years. This joint effort has enabled us to provide a high level of logistic service to our customers. It is time to grow to the next level with bigger volumes, more equipment and another vessel which has an intake that is twice as large as the current vessel.*"

Forth ports will be exhibiting at Multimodal this week from 4-6 April at the NEC in Birmingham on stand number 3010.

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About The Port of Tilbury - the major gateway to London and the South East

The Port of Tilbury is London's major port, providing fast, modern distribution services for the benefit of the South East of England and beyond. The Port of Tilbury is a dynamic and diverse port, handling the full range of cargoes with specialist expertise in the handling of paper and forest products, containers, Ro Ro, grain and bulk commodities and construction and building materials.

Tilbury's strategic location makes it a natural point for distribution, with 18 million people living within 75 miles. Serving the UK's market, the port offers customers excellent transport links to and from the UK's capital and across the South East where over 50% of the population live and work.

The port is a diverse multi-modal hub, covering around 1,100 acres and is well positioned to access the M25 orbital motorway and the rest of the UK's national motorway network. In addition, there are direct rail connections within the port, with access to the whole of the UK rail network, and dedicated barge facilities.

Tilbury2 - 152 acres of land, including a proposed further deep water jetty, close to the east of the port has been acquired. This land acquisition would bring the total port acreage to 1,100 acres and Forth Ports intends to use this land to extend their current operations with the creation of a new port terminal, to grow to meet the needs of their customers and market demands. It is anticipated that an application for a development consent order to permit the new port terminal will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate (acting on behalf of the Department for Transport) in late 2017. It is envisaged that the site will be a construction materials and short-sea shipping hub, handling imported and exported materials and goods. www.tilbury2.co.uk

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