

## **Peel Ports appoints Farrans Construction in £9 million contract at Port of Liverpool**

### **‘Business as usual’ for port during upgrade works to Gladstone Lock and container terminal quayside**

Peel Ports has appointed Farrans Construction Limited to carry out works to upgrade Gladstone Lock and adjacent quayside infrastructure at the Port of Liverpool. No disruption to business at the Port of Liverpool is envisaged as a result of the works.

The improvements will increase efficiency for the transit of vessels within Seaforth Dock at the port. The upgrade includes new fendering around the Gladstone Lock port entry and a re-ordering of quayside activities adjacent to the Royal Seaforth Container Terminal (RSCT), including the construction of a new quay wall.

The upgrade is one of a series of investments by Peel Ports that will substantially increase operational efficiency at the Port of Liverpool. It comes ahead of the launch of the port’s deep water container terminal Liverpool2, which will double the port’s current container capacity and see some of the world’s largest vessels call directly at Liverpool when it opens for business in 2015.

The current layout of the dock around the Gladstone Lock and Seaforth Docks has been unchanged since 1971 when Seaforth Dock was constructed and the passage between the docks created. The increasing size of modern vessels has led to a need to increase the width of the Seaforth passage in order to improve the necessary turnaround times for the larger vessels within tidal windows.

Passage widening works will include re-routing of electrical and water services between the quay areas on either side of the passage, as well as making provision for future electrical and fibre-optic services around the port. The existing Rimrose Brook sewer will also be extended under the newly widened passage. A new quay wall will be installed and the existing wall demolished – all whilst vessel traffic is maintained. New fenders will be installed on the outer sea wall and within Gladstone Lock to assist the entry of vessels and provide protection to both vessels and the port infrastructure.

The contract with Farrans is worth in the region of £9million. Preliminary works have now commenced with completion of the full project expected around December 2014.

Douglas Coleman, programme director for Peel Ports said: “The Farrans Construction proposals represented a technically robust solution to an extremely challenging and complex project. We look forward to working with the Farrans team to deliver this business-critical project.”

Director of Farrans Construction, Kevin Corley, said: “We are delighted to have been selected by Peel Ports to construct this complex re-ordering of the port’s Gladstone Lock entrance. This is the first project that Farrans have undertaken for Peel Ports, and we’re looking forward to working with them.”

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The Peel Ports Group is strategically located to serve the whole of the United Kingdom. Five major gateways from Clydeport to Medway handle a broad spectrum of international trade amounting to more than 65 million tonnes of cargo a year.

At the centre of the country and the heart of the Group are the Port of Liverpool and the Manchester Ship Canal, a continuous water highway forming a single facility of major strategic significance. A unique series of inland ports and logistics hubs along the Ship Canal make this Green Highway Network a viable and sustainable port-centric network.

The Manchester Ship Canal container shuttle service will move in the region of 20,000 containers across a distance of 44 miles between the ports of Liverpool and Manchester in the coming year. That volume is set to increase in 2015 when Liverpool2, Peel Ports' landmark deep water terminal, becomes operational.

Clydeport serves Scotland's industrial heartland. Heysham in Lancashire provides a significant springboard for trade between Britain and Ireland.

Medway Ports sit on the doorstep of the nation's capital in the prime South East Region of England. The Group also includes the operation of container terminals in Belfast and Dublin.

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## About Farrans Construction



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