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GRAHAM appointed to deliver new London port, Tilbury 2

The Port of Tilbury, the UK's fastest growing port, has appointed GRAHAM to deliver their new multimillion pound port terminal, Tilbury2. The port received development consent from the Secretary of State for Transport to build the new port last week and will now work with GRAHAM to begin construction of the port immediately.

The contract will involve the creation of a new port terminal and associated facilities on land at the former Tilbury Power Station on the north bank of the River Thames at Tilbury. When operational in Spring 2020, Tilbury2 will be the UK's largest unaccompanied freight ferry port, the country's biggest construction processing hub and the creation of a new significantly larger rail head which can accommodate the longest freight trains of 775m.

GRAHAM has been awarded the contract for both the Terrestrial and the Marine Package. The Terrestrial contract incorporates a Roll-On/Roll-Off (RoRo), highway works, the relocation of the existing railhead, and a fixed structural steel bridge to the linkspan. The Marine contract includes works within the tidal estuary beyond the existing sea wall/flood defences, including a floating pontoon, link-span/articulated bridge, associated pilings and river bed preparation for the berth.

Charles Hammond, Chief Executive of Forth Ports Group (owners of the Port of Tilbury) said: *"Tilbury2 is a significant project for our business and our customers. We are very pleased to have the expertise of GRAHAM to help us create this new port for London and the south east. GRAHAM are experts in what they do and have demonstrated this in their recent maritime projects in Hull, Grimsby and in Folkestone. There is a great deal to do over the next 12 months and we look forward to opening our new port in 2020."*

Commenting on Tilbury2 **Michael Graham, GRAHAM Executive Chairman:** *“The Tilbury2 project is a complex scheme that will facilitate the expansion of the Port of Tilbury and support its continued local, regional and national economic growth. We look forward to working collaboratively with The Port of Tilbury and local stakeholders to deliver this transformational scheme.*

At GRAHAM, we are committed to delivering lasting impact and the Tilbury2 project is an example of a development programme that will not just enhance the Port’s offering to importers and exporters but will deliver long-term regeneration and create significant new employment opportunities.”

Tilbury2 is central to the Port of Tilbury’s £1 billion investment programme during 2012-20. Tilbury has doubled the size of its business in the past 10 years and is projected to double the volume of cargo across the quay (from 16 million to 32 million tonnes) and increase direct employment (from 3,500 to 12,000 jobs) over the next 10-15 years.

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Notes to editors:

1. **Forth Ports Ltd** owns and operates Tilbury, alongside seven other commercial ports on the Firth of Forth and the Firth of Tay: Grangemouth, Dundee, Leith, Rosyth, Methil, Burntisland and Kirkcaldy. In October 2018, PSP Investments became majority shareholder in Forth Ports Limited, to along with other minority co-investors, GLIL Infrastructure, First State Super, Construction and Building Unions Superannuation.

2. **The Port of Tilbury is the number one UK port** for forestry products, construction materials, paper, grain, recyclables and warehousing space. The port has a strong market presence in bulk commodities, ro-ro, cars and cruise vessels. The port’s London Container Terminal handles a mix of short and deep sea services, is the UK’s number four port for containers and has the greatest reefer (refrigerated container) point connectivity in Europe.

Tilbury’s strategic location makes it a natural point for distribution, with nearly 20 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 1,000 acres (850 acres and the London Distribution Park, in addition to the Tilbury2 site) 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 and dedicated barge facilities.

3. Following Brexit, **Authorised Economic Operator / AEO (customs, safety, security) trusted trader accreditation**, combined with our I.T. systems, security systems and frontier agency facilities at the port, should limit border formalities and friction. AEO allows the Port to waive duty guarantees for goods held at its facilities and could also speed up the process of applying for other types of customs accreditations in the future.

4. For more information about **Tilbury2** go to www.tilbury2.co.uk

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About GRAHAM

GRAHAM is a privately-owned company that specialises in the delivery of award-winning building, civil engineering, interior fit-out and facilities management.

A national business, with an annual turnover of £767.6m (2018), it operates from 23 regional offices throughout the UK and Ireland and employs over 2,200 people.

Proudly 'delivering lasting impact' since 1798, it is currently completing over 100 live projects across a range of key sectors including education, healthcare, commercial, retail, highways and rail. GRAHAM has demonstrated their technical expertise and deep understanding of the port, and maritime, sectors delivering schemes of national significance, such as Green Port Hull (£114m) and Immingham Renewable Fuels Terminal (£120m).

Winner of the Major Contractor of the Year at the 2017 Building Awards, GRAHAM was the first contractor in the UK to achieve Investors in People (IIP) Platinum and IIP Wellbeing accreditation.

It was also the first UK wide company to achieve the British Standards Institute (BSI) Kitemark™ certification for both BIM Design and Construction (PAS 1192-2) and Asset Management (PAS 1192-3).

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