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PORT OF TILBURY TEAMS UP WITH NIPPON GASES EUROPE TO CREATE CO₂ IMPORT HUB

The Port of Tilbury, London's major port, announces today a long-term agreement with leading industrial gas company Nippon Gases Europe to import CO₂ to the Thames port. The agreement will see weekly shipments arriving at the port, with Nippon Gases Europe investing in a permanent storage terminal at the port which became operational this year.

The shipments into Tilbury of carbon dioxide are carried on Nippon Gases' dedicated ships in refrigerated liquid form and are intended primarily for the UK's beverage and food markets. Nippon Gases Europe produces, sells and distributes atmospheric, process and speciality gases. Their products, services and technologies aim to make the planet more productive by bringing efficiency and environmental benefits to a wide variety of industries, including aerospace, chemicals, food and beverage, electronics, energy, healthcare, manufacturing, primary metals and many others.

Commenting on the agreement, **Peter Ward, Commercial Director from The Port of Tilbury** said: *"We are thrilled that Nippon Gases Europe has chosen the Port of Tilbury as the Southern UK hub for their essential products. Nippon Gases Europe will benefit from our strong logistical connections and ideal location for their market place. This is our first bulk liquid customer in Tilbury, but we have areas of expertise across the Forth Ports group."*

Nippon Gases Europe's Director of Operations Colin Trundley stated *"We have supplied the Southern UK via the Port of London for almost 30 years. This latest investment in a new terminal in Tilbury demonstrates Nippon Gases Europe's commitment to our UK customers whose businesses are dependent upon a reliable supply chain. We are very pleased with the support and co-operation offered by the Port of Tilbury and we look forward to a long and successful partnership that will benefit both our customers and our partners."*

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Notes

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. www.forthports.co.uk @forthports

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.

On 20 February 2019 the port received development consent from the Secretary of State for Transport to build Tilbury2 – a new multimillion pound port terminal adjacent to the current 930 acre site in Thurrock, on the outskirts of Greater London. Construction is underway and Tilbury2 will be built on a site covering in excess of 150 acres, which was part of the location of the former Tilbury Power Station. When operational in Spring 2020, Tilbury2 will be the UK's largest unaccompanied ferry port and the country's biggest construction processing hub, with AEO-trusted trader status. For more information about **Tilbury2** go to www.tilbury2.co.uk

About Nippon Gases Europe

Nippon Gases is a leading industrial gas company in Europe, part of the Taiyo Nippon Sanso Group. Established in 1910, the Taiyo Nippon Sanso Group has a strong business foundation and technological capabilities gained throughout its history of over 100 years, as well as a track record of productive business operations worldwide for more than 30 years. With a presence in 13 European countries and with more than 100 production facilities, we serve a wide range of industries including the steel, chemical, electronics, automobile, construction, shipbuilding, and food industries, among others. For more information, visit the website at www.nippongases.com