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PRESS RELEASE

LONDON AND GRANGEMOUTH CONTAINER TERMINALS INVEST IN 11 NEW KALMAR STRADDLES

Investment in Forth Port's busy container terminals in Grangemouth and London continues with a multimillion-pound order of eleven new Kalmar straddle carriers across the group.

London Container Terminal (LCT) took delivery of six new Kalmar machines this week (see images) and Grangemouth will receive five new machines in early 2020.

In London, 3 of the six new straddles are part of LCT's equipment replacement programme, with the other 3 going into service to meet the increase in container business at the terminal. The current fleet at the terminal is now 36 straddles. London Container Terminal handles a diverse range of conventional and reefer containers with cargos ranging from fresh fruit and vegetables to bricks and steel.

In Grangemouth the purchase of the five new straddles is part of a major investment programme at Scotland's container terminal to increase its capacity for storing both conventional containers and reefers (refrigerated containers). The new straddle carriers will replace five of the existing fleet of 16 and commence the transition to four high straddles from the current three high straddles. The port also welcomed a new Liebherr ship to shore container crane last year which is already delivering faster turnaround times. Grangemouth handles some of Scotland's most valuable exports, such as fine foods and drinks, with more than £6 billion worth of goods passes through the port each year including steel plate, timber, paper and equipment for the oil and gas industry.

Stuart Wallace, Chief Operating Officer at Forth Ports said: *"We are investing across the group and with these 11 new Kalmar straddles for our busy container terminals in London and Grangemouth, we secure their position as key shipping and distribution locations offering some of the most efficient landside operations in the industry. At LCT we have the capacity to handle*

in excess of half a million containers each year and it is the only UK port truly servicing both deep sea and short sea customers. Customers of LCT also benefit from access to Europe's largest portside chill store sitting on the doorstep of the largest consumption market in the UK. Grangemouth is Scotland's largest container terminal and handles some of the country's most important exports including food and drink to Europe and beyond. These new straddles build on the significant investment we have made in Grangemouth over the past 5 years to ensure an efficient service for our customers."

Forth Ports will be at Multimodal 18-20 June, NEC Stand 3010

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About Forth Ports: Forth Ports Limited owns and operates eight commercial ports in the UK – Tilbury on the Thames, Dundee on the Firth of Tay and six on the Firth of Forth – Leith, Grangemouth, Rosyth, Methil, Burntisland and Kirkcaldy. www.forthports.co.uk @forthports

The Port of Grangemouth operates Scotland's largest container port and handles in excess of 155,000 containers per annum. Regular container services are now available from Grangemouth with frequent daily sailings to Rotterdam, Antwerp, Felixstowe and Hamburg. Most of the major lines utilise these feeder services to link with mother container vessels plying between the world's major ports. Short sea box traffic is also carried on the weekly services for onward transportation to destinations in Europe and Scandinavia. An important base cargo for the container services is the carrying of Scotch whisky, but significant business includes chemicals in bulk containers, electronic goods, machinery and manufactured goods.

London Container Terminal - the only UK port truly servicing both deep-sea and short-sea customers, London Container Terminal can berth ships both inside the dock and at its deep-water riverside berths, with depths alongside to 13.7 meters. LCT offers the capability to handle in excess of 500,000 containers each year; significant trading position with the North and South reefer (refrigerated container) trades, primarily; South & Central America, North Africa and Australasia with a strong presence in other deep sea trades; serves short sea businesses, which provides links to Continental Europe and to other UK coastal feeder locations. LCT is one of Europe's largest terminals for refrigerated containers, with 1,400 reefer plugs on terminal and access to a 25,000 pallet space cold store facility operated by NFT. The Container terminal is rail linked to main East and West Coast lines and operates intermodal services to the Midlands & Scotland. www.londoncontainerterminal.com