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PRESS RELEASE

UNIFEEDER LAUNCHES NEW EAST COAST FEEDER SERVICE CONNECTING GRANGEMOUTH AND LONDON

The arrival of the cargo vessel the *Anna G* into Scotland's container terminal in Grangemouth at the weekend launched a new east coast container feeder shipping service with Unifeeder.

This new service is the first direct feeder call from Scotland to London Gateway on the Thames increasing connectivity options for customers shipping to international markets and providing a new offering for UK domestic cargoes.

The service connects Grangemouth with London and offers both deep sea and short sea transit opportunities for customers. The weekly rotation calls at Grangemouth, London Gateway, Dunkerque, Antwerp and Teesport.

Commenting on the new call, **Derek Knox, Port Manager** said: *"It's great to see this new service from Grangemouth to London Gateway launched by Unifeeder. This new connection to London increases the shipping options offered to our customers within the UK and beyond from Scotland's container terminal. The service demonstrates Unifeeder's confidence and commitment to both the Port and Scottish Market by offering a new alternative to existing supply chain solutions. We look forward to supporting Unifeeder with the service."*

The prime location of Grangemouth on the east coast coupled with our experience, expertise and equipment deliver a first-rate service for customers. We continue to invest significantly in Grangemouth with new equipment, an expanded container terminal area and over 400 reefer connections secures us as Scotland's largest container terminal."

The Port of Grangemouth operates Scotland's largest container port and handles in excess of 155,000 containers per annum. More than £6billion worth of goods passes through Grangemouth each year including steel plate, timber, paper and equipment for the oil and gas industry. There are regular container services 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.

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