



## **MEDIA RELEASE – 6 October 2020**

### **The Port of Rosyth's Agri-hub has bumper month handling over 100,000 tonnes of product**

Scotland's largest agricultural products hub ("agri-hub") at the Port of Rosyth has completed a bumper month of activity in September, with the handling of over 100,000 tonnes of essential agri products delivered aboard four ships for Cefetra.

The agri-hub, which opened earlier this year, handles an extensive range of important agricultural products for the Scottish animal feed, food and drink and farming industries. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, working together with Cefetra, the port has been open and fully operational throughout these challenging times.

The port has ensured the efficient discharge and handling of the animal feed so that it can be despatched to the farmers who need it to feed their animals. The wheat handled is to be milled into flour and used to make the bread and other bakery products we eat.

Commenting on the shipments, **Andy Lamb, Deputy Port Manager at the Port of Rosyth** said: *"This has been a busy month for the Port of Rosyth as we welcomed 100,000 tonnes of agricultural feed over the quayside for Cefetra's customers. Even during these challenging times and as we approach winter, our port team are working hard to play their part in supplying the key farming and food markets. The Agri-hub is a success story for the port and Cefetra and we look forward to the next vessel arrival next month."*

**Andrew Mackay, Managing Director at Cefetra Ltd**, said: *"I would like to thank Forth Ports and their team for all their hard work handling our cargos since the new Agri-hub opened and in particular, over this last very busy month. In these difficult times it is even more important that we can rely upon Forth Ports excellent team and facilities to help us deliver these essential products into the food supply chain of Scotland."*

Rosyth's location and logistical links to the motorway network, make it ideally suited to supply all areas of Scotland and Northern England. The port has both deep sea and short sea capabilities.

### **About the Agri-hub**

To create the agri-hub, the Port of Rosyth has been deepened to provide a true deep-water port capable of taking vessels carrying up to 50,000 tonnes of cargo. Its existing storage facilities have been significantly extended with the addition of a new, 200,000sq.ft. purpose built agricultural products terminal, increasing the port's storage capacity to around 100,000 tonnes. The port invested in a new Liebherr mobile harbour crane for bulk handling capability and to manage dust emissions, a new SAMSON ecological hopper is also now in place at the port. The eco hopper is the first of its kind in the UK and forms a key component of the new agri-bulk hub facility.

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### **Notes to editors:**

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