**PD Ports COVID-19 Statement**

PD Ports is one of the major ports groups within the UK and plays a crucial role in supporting supply chains across the country. We would like to reassure everyone that we are operating as normal and implementing a number of measures to ensure we remain fully operational during the current COVID-19 pandemic. It is vital that PD Ports continues its role in helping to maintain the flow of goods in and out of the UK in order to help keep the Country moving during this critical period whilst, at the same time, maintaining the safety of our employees, customers and visitors as the number one priority.

We are continuously monitoring and assessing the situation and are closely following guidance and advice from, among others, UK Government, Public Health England and UK Major Ports Group.

To help tackle the current issues, PD Ports has put together a Business Continuity Management Team to focus on safety, resilience, planning, communication and the dissemination of guidance and advice to all employees.

We have implemented, among others, the following measures to ensure the Health & Safety of our employees, customers and visitors;

* Identified our vulnerable staff (those with underlying health issues and those caring for vulnerable people) and acted accordingly to protect them.
* Enabled all colleagues who can to work from home
* Assessed our operations and workplaces to ensure they fully meet the requirements as set out by the UK Government’s guidance on COVID 19.
* Restructured our working patterns and workplace layouts to enable social distancing (including introducing additional welfare facilities in some areas).
* Increased our cleaning regimes for all workplaces and equipment.
* Ensured access to hand sanitisers is readily available in all areas.
* We are continuing to provide regular updates on Government guidance on all matters relating to COVID-19.

We will continue to monitor and assess the situation as it develops and will make any necessary changes required should Government guidance change whilst keeping all employees, customers and visitors updated.

For the latest government information in relation to COVID-19 please visit <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>