

LCT announces the creation of 75 new jobs

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JOBS BOOST FOR PORT OF TILBURY

75 NEW FULL TIME JOBS CREATED AT

LONDON CONTAINER TERMINAL

London Container Terminal (LCT) at the Port of Tilbury announces today (3 March) the creation of 75 new permanent jobs this year as part of the terminal's investment in its people, customer service and commitment to continued flexibility and reliability.

The 75 new jobs at London's major port will include straddle carrier drivers who currently work as contractors at the port but who will now have permanent employment at LCT with all the benefits of this job security.

The investment will also see a major training programme get underway to enhance the skills of straddle carrier and crane drivers both for the new positions and the terminal's existing staff through the port's dedicated onsite training academy which will lead on the training programmes for LCT.

The Port of Tilbury is a significant employer with a workforce of over 1100, many of whom live in the local area. The company is investing millions of pounds across the port in the areas of infrastructure, equipment and people.

Commenting on the announcement, **Perry Glading, Chief Operating Officer of Forth Ports** (owner of London Container Terminal) said: *"We are delighted to announce these new jobs for London Container Terminal. At Tilbury we are committed to helping our customers achieve their ambitions which in turn, leads to job creation. Furthermore, through our skills development programme we aim to provide our employees with the skills they need to perform their roles to the highest standard. These new jobs give security to the men and women who work at LCT and will further enhance our customer service."*

"As London's major port, we pride ourselves on our first rate customer service and these jobs are part of the significant investment we have undertaken across the port, including new crane and straddle equipment and ICT systems to ensure an unrivalled experience. We will continue to invest in our people and our port in the future."

LCT handles in excess of half a million containers per year, and is the only UK port truly servicing both deep sea and short sea customers.

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About London Container Terminal

- As the UK's third largest container terminal, LCT is based within the Port of Tilbury which handles over half a million containers per year.
- Forth Ports acquired fully Tilbury Container Services in January 2012, having bought out then joint owners DP World and Associated British Ports. Now rebranded as London Container Terminal (Tilbury) Limited it is the UK's third largest container port. The deep-sea terminal is located on the Thames and is a key shipping and distribution location with unrivalled access to London and the South East. The short sea business provides regular links to Continental Europe and to other UK coastal feeder locations.
- The upgrading of the existing facilities at the Port of Tilbury and LCT are part of a larger project involving significant investment to ensure customers receive the best service possible.

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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