

New Port Manager for Dundee

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Forth Ports appoints new Port Manager for Dundee

Forth Ports Limited, one of the UK's largest port groups, announces today (27 April) the appointment of a new Port Manager for the Port of Dundee.

David Webster (32) from the City of Dundee, starts in the management role at the Tayside port today bringing with him a wealth of international experience in the oil and gas industry.

David joins Forth Ports after 9 years in various roles with oil & gas specialist Weatherford International. David worked internationally as Business Development and Technical Manager for the Sub Saharan Africa region; and was previously Product Line Manager and Field Operations Manager covering Central, Western and Eastern Europe for Weatherford Oil Tool. He has also worked in Nigera, Ghana and Equatorial Guinea. Before Weatherford, David worked as a Project Engineer for Ergotech.

David holds degree in Mechatronics from the University of Abertay and is currently completing his MBA in Oil and Gas Management at Robert Gordon University in Aberdeen.

David will be based in Dundee and has full commercial and operational responsibility for the Ports of Dundee and also the Ports of Kirkcaldy & Methil. His key role will be to build on Dundee's key location for the inspection, repair and maintenance of jack-up and semisubmersible drilling rigs and offshore supply and dive support vessels in Scotland. The port is recognised by the North Sea Oil and Gas industry as an important base for fabrication, mobilisation and demobilisation projects.

David will also apply his general management skills to the ongoing development of each of the ports under his control, building on the strong reputation that this port cluster has within the agricultural, general cargo and project cargo markets, as well as the development of the cruise destination, with the Port being located next to the City of Dundee Waterfront and the new V&A museum, opening in 2017

Welcoming David to the role, **Stuart Wallace, Divisional Director of Forth Ports** said: *"We are delighted that David is joining the team today. His wealth of experience in both operations and business development in the international oil & gas industry will be invaluable for the Port of Dundee which is fast becoming an important hub for many North Sea oil & gas activities. David will also oversee the ports' other activities and lead the development of all three ports in the coming years.*

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Commenting on his appointment, **David Webster** said: *“I am excited about my new role at The Port of Dundee. I have worked around the world in the oil & gas sector in both the service and logistics side of business. There are many opportunities for the port in this growing sector and I look forward to working with the team on these. It is also great to be based back in my home town of Dundee.”*

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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.
- Within and around the Firths of Forth and Tay, Forth Ports manages and operates an area of 280 square miles of navigable waters, including two specialised marine terminals for oil and gas export and provides other marine services, such as towage and conservancy www.forthports.co.uk

About the Port of Dundee

- The Port of Dundee, owned by Forth Ports Limited, is the key location for the inspection, repair and maintenance of jack-up and semisubmersible drilling rigs and offshore supply and dive support vessels in Scotland. The port is recognised by the North Sea Oil and Gas industry as an important base for fabrication, mobilisation and demobilisation projects. The wide navigation channel, and deep water facilities at the port make it attractive for the large jack-up rig and support vessel activity that the port regularly sees.
- The Port is home to Rigmar Fabrication, PD&MS Energy, Harlen, James Jack lifting services and several other support companies who provide a fully complement range of project services throughout a call.
- Dundee is a 365 day / 24hr working facility that offers rig and vessel operators extensive quayside access

and heavy lift capability for major projects, in conjunction with expansive storage areas capable of accommodating the largest projects and a full scope of project management requirements.