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The Port of Tilbury, London's major port, received highly commended at the 2015 Containerisation International Awards (CIA) in the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) category at the Jumeriah Carlton Tower Hotel in London on Thursday 18 June.

Tilbury won against strong competition from global shipping lines CMA CGM Group, Maersk Line and MOL; and ports including DP World UAE Region and Halifax Port Authority.

The CIA judges summary of the Port's award submission: 'The Port of Tilbury has expansion plans and recognises the need to bring its workforce to the centre of these plans. Training is at the heart of this, creating a dedicated training academy, re-enforcing the high levels of staff retention, staff progression, and new opportunities for new employees drawn from the local population.'

Perry Glading, Chief Operating Officer at Forth Ports (owners of the Port of Tilbury), welcomed the news: *"I'm delighted that our team effort to create the East of England Logistics Academy has been recognised with this prestigious award.*

"The Port has a CSR programme dating back nearly 20 years, built upon a philosophy of providing employment opportunities for our local community, continuously investing in the skills of our existing workforce and supporting our tenants to grow through high quality training.

"The Academy will play a central role this year and next as the Port and our customers expand significantly."

East of England Logistics Academy

Building upon the portcentric success of being the main storage, distribution and logistics site for the 2012 Olympics and Paralympics Games and after nine years of discussion between the Port's education and training partners, Tilbury took the initiative to create a training centre.

The new Academy was required to satisfy the need to provide the existing Thurrock workforce with the necessary training opportunities and logistics pathways to help secure the 13,000 transport and logistics jobs in the coming years, including 1,100 jobs at the Port's new distribution park.

The Port spent nearly a quarter of a million pounds on refurbishing the former London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games building, transforming the facilities into a new dedicated centre for logistics related education and training.

Although the Academy sits within the port estate, the Port delivers pre-employment training, traineeships, apprenticeships, advanced apprenticeships and higher apprenticeships in partnership with Thurrock Council, Job Centre Plus and Ixion Holdings (part of Anglia Ruskin University).

The new facilities provides a range of mandatory, technical and management training for not only the 135 companies and 3,500 people employed within the port estate (direct and indirect), but also the business and local communities across the Thames Gateway area.

The latest award win recognises the Port's long-standing efforts to promote skills training and create the East of England Training Academy, and builds upon this year's Herbert Crow award from the Worshipful Company of Carmen*.

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Notes to Editors

* The Herbert Crow Memorial Award was presented to the port in March 2015. The award recognises the significant achievements, contributions and innovation of individuals, companies and the armed forces. The award was for the port's training academy which was established in 2014 and has seen over 100 trainees, apprentices and advanced apprentices go through their bespoke training programmes. The port has directly employed 11 new apprentices over the past year and has committed to a further 45 trainees and apprentices during 2015 to support the Ports operations. The academy was opened in 2014 by the Chancellor of the Exchequer George Osborne.

About The Port of Tilbury - the major gateway to London and the South East

The Port of Tilbury is London's major port, providing fast, modern distribution services for the benefit of the south east of England and beyond. A dynamic and diverse port handling the full range of cargoes with specialist expertise in the handling of paper and forest products, containers & Ro Ro, grain and bulk commodities and construction and building materials.

Tilbury's strategic location makes it the natural point for distribution with 18 million people living within 75 miles. Serving the UK's market, the port offers customers excellent transport links to and from the capital and across the South East where over 50% of the population live and work.

The Port is a diverse multi-modal hub, covering over 900 acres and is well positioned to access the M25 orbital motorway and the rest of the UK's national motorway network. In addition, there are direct rail connections within the Port, with access to the whole of the UK and dedicated barge facilities.

London Container Terminal (LCT) provides a unique combination of European Short Sea and Deep Sea

services at the same facility. As the UK's third largest container terminal, Tilbury handles over half a million containers per year.

The London Construction Link (LCL) is a collaboration between the Port of Tilbury and S. Walsh, one of the leading construction solutions companies in London. The partnership is seeking to relieve congestion on the capital's roads, with associated cycling safety and CO2 benefits, through promoting greater use of construction consolidation and the use of the river for construction projects on or near the Thames. LCL builds upon the Tilbury's pedigree as the logistics and distribution hub for the 2012 Olympics and Paralympics and S. Walsh's success as the largest marine operator on the Thames. LCL is supported by British Cycling.

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