

New multimillion pound warehouse opens in Grangemouth for EWOS

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FORTH PORTS OPENS NEW WAREHOUSE DEVELOPMENT

AT PORT OF GRANGEMOUTH

Multimillion pound bespoke 50,000 sq.ft. storage facility built for EWOS

Port of Grangemouth, Scotland's largest container port, has today opened a new multimillion pound, 50,000 sq.ft. warehouse development for EWOS - CQN Scotland, a leading supplier of fish feed in the UK.

The port, owned by Forth Ports, has invested over £2million in the development of the bespoke storage warehouse for EWOS which can accommodate over 6,000 tonnes of bulk raw materials at any one time. EWOS is based at Westfield, near Bathgate, which is around 20 minutes from the port, and manufactures fish feed pellets for fish farms across Scotland and for export to various other countries.

EWOS has this week commenced using the warehouse as part of a contract with the port to handle a significant amount of its bulk raw material requirements. The port will manage all of the cargo handling and warehouse management on behalf of EWOS.

The cargo was previously handled in Perth and, by transferring to the Port of Grangemouth, this allows larger vessels and volumes to be handled. This also reduces the carbon footprint of EWOS as there are less road miles from Grangemouth to their facility near Bathgate.

Commenting on the new facility, **Derek Knox**, Port Manager at the Port of Grangemouth said: *“This new long-term partnership with EWOS demonstrates how businesses can achieve cost and carbon footprint savings by basing themselves at our port. This is a great example of our Portcentric approach in action as EWOS now benefit from a purpose built storage facility which is less than half an hour from their manufacturing business with direct access to the quayside for importing their goods. This also displays our commitment to supporting the Scottish food and drink sector to provide them with more efficient supply chain solutions at lower cost.”*

David Morrice, Country Director of CQN Scotland, said: *“The opening of this new warehouse at Grangemouth improves the flexibility in our supply chain and will greatly assist our service levels to our customers. This new investment clearly illustrates our commitment to fish feed production in Scotland.”*

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About Forth Ports Limited

- 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.
- The Port of Grangemouth operates Scotland's largest container port and handles in excess of 155,000 containers per annum. Regular container services are available from Grangemouth with frequent daily sailings to Rotterdam, Antwerp, Felixstowe and Hamburg. Most of the major lines utilise these feeder services to link with mother container vessels plying between the world's major ports. Short sea box traffic is also carried on the weekly services for onward transportation to destinations in Europe and Scandinavia. An important base cargo for the container services is the carrying of scotch whisky, but significant business includes chemicals in bulk containers, electronic goods, machinery and manufactured goods.

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About EWOS

- EWOS, owned by Cargill, is a leading supplier of feed and nutrition for the international aquaculture industry. EWOS has produced fish feed since 1935 and today, the company operates in all four of the world's major salmon farming regions: Norway, Chile, Canada and Scotland. In addition EWOS has entered the feed market in Vietnam. EWOS continuously invests in research and development in order to maintain its strong reputation as the global innovator in aquaculture. For more information, visit www.ewos.com.