

New Business Development Manager appointed for NSO and Decom focus

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FORTH PORTS APPOINTS BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MANAGER TO FOCUS ON OIL & GAS SUPPORT AND DECOMMISSIONING

Forth Ports, the UK's third largest ports group, has appointed **Gavin Booth** as its new Business Development Manager to focus on oil and gas support and decommissioning activity. The port group has created this new position against the background of a £10m quayside investment at the Port of Dundee and other initiatives at the Ports of Rosyth and Leith designed to focus on this specialist sector.

Gavin's appointment further underpins Forth Ports' objective of attracting work from the oil and gas sector to their ports in the Tay and Forth Estuaries. Gavin, originally from Aberdeen, is a senior executive experienced in client facing sales, business development and operational functions within the oil and gas, subsea and decommissioning sectors. He has previously held positions with ATR Group, ACE Winches and JD Neuhaus.

Gavin will be based in Aberdeen in a new office in the City. He and will work across the Scottish operation, which operates seven commercial ports on the Tay and Forth Estuaries, with his main focus on the ports of Dundee, Leith and Rosyth.

Stuart Wallace, Divisional Director of Forth Ports, said: *"We welcome Gavin to the Scottish team. He brings with him a wealth of experience and knowledge in the oil and gas support and decommissioning sector and has a strong track record in delivering results. We are a busy, dynamic business and Gavin will play a key part in delivering our business strategy going forward in this important sector."*

Commenting on his appointment, **Gavin Booth** said: *"I am excited to be joining Forth Ports in this new role. I have worked in the sector for many years and I am confident that there are a number of opportunities particularly in the decommissioning market for the ports."*

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Notes to editors:

- 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.
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