

Portland Port is delighted to announce that global oil and shipping company Monjasa have started their bunker operations. The first bunker delivery was delivered by based bunker barge, MT Skaw Provider to general cargo vessel, MV Lagoon Phoenix, directly followed by a delivery to the Greek owned Bulk Carrier, MV Star Harmony. The conditions throughout operations were challenging with some of the worst winds seen this year, however the port working alongside Portland Bunkers UK and Monjasa, successfully managed to undertake both operations safely and efficiently, so that minimal delays were incurred.

After taking over a terminal formerly belonging to **Aegean Marine Petroleum**, the company **announced** in a statement, that the facility at Portland is strategically located at the mouth of the western entrance of the **European** Emission Control Area (ECA), and expects it to help increase its overall physical supply in **Northern Europe** by **300,000 tonnes** per year.

Monjasa says it will be able to offer bunker deliveries of all grades, along with crew-change and slops disposal services at all European terminal facilities.

"It's part of the Monjasa Group strategy to strengthen our physical capabilities across Northern Europe. With this move into the English Channel, we are heightening security of supply throughout the area," said **Ricky Kenbjerg**, Managing Director for Monjasa Europe.

"When placing an order with Monjasa, our clients will thereby enjoy full flexibility in taking bunkers anywhere between the English Channel and the Baltic Sea."

CEO of Portland Port, Bill Reeves commented; "We are looking forward to working with PBUK and Monjasa in expanding the bunker operations here at Portland, making Portland the first port of call for all vessels operating within the English Channel. With minimal deviation Portland Port is a particularly popular location with ship owners/managers looking to undertake in-water repairs/maintenance on their vessels. The inner harbour is a formally approved location for in-water surveys, with visibility up to 10 metres. Vessels calling for bunkers and in-water services are able to take advantage of the short and direct pilotage, being only 20 minutes to the anchorages and just 30 minutes to the alongside berths".

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Photo – Bunker barge MT Skaw Provider delivering bunkers to MV Star Harmony.

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Notes to Editors:

Previously a naval dockyard for over 150 years, Portland Harbour is now a thriving and successful commercial facility. It still maintains a close relationship with the past through its ongoing contract to support the RFA, as well as being home to the activities of Global Marine and Portland Bunkers International. It has almost 2,500 hectares of water at depths of up to 15m (C.D.); and provides vessel services from long term lay-ups to brief maintenance calls, luxury cruise liner docking facilities to industrial cargo shipments.

The tariff and general Portland Harbour Authority information can be viewed at <http://www.portland-port.co.uk/>

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Portland Port has over 2,000 metres of alongside berths and 11.6 metres (C.D.) depth of water at the deepest alongside berth.

Berthing for vessels up to 300 metres (subject to Harbour Master's approval).

11 designated anchorages are within the 1,015 hectare inner harbour. Six designated anchorages are within the 1,436 hectare Outer Harbour.

A width of 210 metres and depth of over 12.6 metres (C.D.) at the entrance of the harbour mean that there are few vessel beam, lock, or air draft restriction.

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