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**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Portland Harbour Authority announced on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2015 that its Chief Executive, Steve Davies, is to step down from his current role to concentrate on establishing a new Management Consultancy business, Vindelis MMC Ltd., which is to be based on Portland.

Mr Davies has overseen the establishment and development of Portland Harbour Authority and Portland Port since its inception in 1996 turning it into today's thriving Port business which handles over 700 vessel calls each year and employs over 650 people on its dock estate.

Mr Davies said; "I would like to thank the Board of Directors and Management staff of the Port authority for their professionalism and support over the last 18 years in what has been a very interesting and challenging journey to establish the Port from start up to its current successful commercial enterprise, and I wish it ever continuing prosperity and success".

Chris Langham, Chairman of Portland Harbour Authority said "The Board of Directors would like to thank Mr Davies for all his hard work and dedication over the last 18 years in driving the business forward through many varied challenges. We wish him well for the future".

Mr Bill Reeves, who has a wealth of senior management experience across many industries, has been appointed interim Chief Executive until a permanent appointment is made.

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