

South Coast Storage

A unique storage facility adjacent to one of the busiest shipping trade routes in the world is soon to become available.

Since 2001, **Portland Port** located on the south coast of the UK has leased its bunker storage , pipeline and berth facility to Aegean Marine Petroleum Network. Later this year the facility will return back to the open market with the opportunity for a new tenant to occupy and manage the facility. The tanks were fully refurbished by Aegean who also built a new jetty to receive tanker deliveries; the facility has since been professionally managed and maintained to a high standard.

Approximately 40,000cbm of storage is available, split between four tanks of approximately 10,000 cbm each. The storage tanks are set deep in to the Isle of Portland, originally built by the Royal Navy and used for storage of the same products. The tanks are surrounded by Kimmeridge Clay, with each cylindrical tank measuring an impressive 300 metres in length and 7 metres in diameter. Two tanks are currently dedicated to holding marine fuel and the other two for marine diesel, along with a thermal fluid heating system used to heat the tanks.

The storage facility is further complimented by two pipelines (one being heated), 1.2 kilometres in length which connect to a bunker jetty which can accommodate vessels of up to 200metres LOA and up to 13 metres of draft. There are two loading arms on the berth, one for MGO the other for HFO.

Portland's strategic geographical location is one of the ports greatest assets with minimal deviation for vessels using the English Channel, along with the large, deep, sheltered inner and outer harbour; making the port an ideal location for vessels of all sizes to take bunkers. The pilotage is short and direct, being only 20 minutes to the anchorages and 30 minutes to all alongside berths. The outer harbour has depths of up to 20m (C.D) and the Inner Harbour has depths of up to 15m (C.D.). The 3.5 miles of extensive breakwater system provides unrivalled protection, which has always given Portland the advantage when ship owners/operators/charterers are looking for a protected location for their vessels to undertake services afloat.

Further information of the available facility is available on request. Please email: commercial@portland-port.co.uk or call: 0044 (0)1305 824044. www.portland-port.co.uk.

NOTES TO EDITORS

Images attached: Image 1 - aerial of Portland Port. Image 2 - vessel delivering bunkers to jetty. Image 3 - Inside the storage facility.

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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 support to the RFA, as well as being home to the activities of Global Marine and Manor Marine. It has over 4,000 acres 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/>

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 2,000-acre inner harbour. Six designated anchorages are within the 2,500 acre 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 restrictions.

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