



## **Ramsden Dock Terminal Stakeholder Group**

2<sup>nd</sup> Ramsden Dock Terminal Stakeholder Group Meeting, held Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2007, at, Barrow Town Hall

### **Present**

Capt. M L Miller, Chairman RDTSG  
Mr P Huck, Barrow Borough Council  
Councillor E Wood, Barrow Borough Council  
Councillor R McClure, Barrow Borough Council  
Councillor D Pidduck, Barrow Borough Council  
Mr K Johnson, Cumbria County Council  
Mr M Dixon, NDA  
Mr S Jeffcoat, James Fisher Shipping Services  
PC M Milburn, Cumbria Constabulary  
Mr C Clouter, Associated British Port  
Mr A Sumner, Direct Rail Services  
Mr A A Brown, INS, BNGS  
Mrs D Redman, INS, BNGS  
Mr R Magraw, INS, BNGS  
Mr B Todd, BNG  
Miss T Mullen, Secretary RDTSG

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### **1. Opening Remarks**

The Chairman welcomed committee members to the 2<sup>nd</sup> RDTSG meeting.

### **2. Apologies**

Apologies were received from the Captain C Roberts, James Fisher Shipping Services; represented by Mr S Jeffcoat; Mr N Ridehalgh Associated British Ports, represented by Mr C Clouter; Inspector M Woodhouse, represented by PC M Milburn

Mr A Shanks, Furness General Hospital; Fire Service Group Manager Wyllie, Councillors Waiting; Guselli and Kitchen had no representatives.

### **3. Matters Arising**

- 3.1. At the First Meeting of the RDTSG in May 2007 it was confirmed that Sellafield Ltd own 51% of the shares in INS and the NDA 49%. NDA have now exercised their right to 100% shares in INS from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008. This takeover will not affect the way the Terminal or the PNTL Fleet are run
- 3.2. Mr Jeremy Rycroft retired at the end of September 2007.



Mr A A Brown, Mr D Landon, Mr M Jervis, Ms A Lamprell, Mr R Wilcox-Baker have all become Directors within INS.

Chief inspector I Goulding has left Cumbria Constabulary and has been replaced by Chief Inspector M Woodhouse

Pacific Heron has been launched since the last Meeting. 10<sup>th</sup> May 2007

#### **4. Minutes of the last meeting**

4.1. There were no comments or corrections and the minutes from the 1st meeting were approved.

The minutes are now published on the PNTL Website and the West Cumbria Sites Stakeholder Group.

#### **5. Operations Review**

Alastair Brown gave the Operations Review to Committee members.

##### 5.1. General

Since the last meeting, the PNTL/NDA fleet of ships has continued to operate in a safe and efficient manner.

##### 5.2. European Shearwater

The European Shearwater has remained alongside in Barrow with no crew on board but with weekly inspection it is intended that this vessel will be decommissioned this year.

##### 5.3. Pacific Sandpiper

As reported at the last meeting, Pacific Sandpiper has now completed the 12<sup>th</sup> and final HLW shipment from France to Japan and has now returned to Barrow. Whilst in Japan, the vessel underwent a routine dry-docking. She currently has some empty HLW flasks on board which will be transferred to France early in 2008.

A member of the public asked, if there was any outstanding Magnox Fuel in Japan to be returned?

The Chairman replied, No, not that anyone was aware of.



## 5.4. Pacific Teal

Preparations for the decommissioning of Pacific Teal are well underway with the decommissioning expected to be completed within this financial year. The process undertaken will be similar to Pacific Swan and Pacific Crane. Various equipment onboard has been offered to local charities, schools, cadets etc.

## 5.5. Pacific Pintail

Pacific Pintail has remained in Barrow awaiting her next voyage to Japan.

## 5.6. Atlantic Osprey

The Atlantic Osprey continues to undertake a number of shipments around Europe and the USA. Since the last meeting, the vessel was used to ship spent fuel from Sweden to Sellafield. Unfortunately, during that shipment the vessel was boarded by Greenpeace Activists. They were restricted to the deck and detained by the ship's crew and at no stage was there any possibility of them gaining access to the cargo.

## 5.7 Pacific Heron

Since the launch of the Pacific Heron in May 2007, the vessel has undergone sea trials. Delivery of the vessel is expected in Spring 2008.

A further 2 ships have now been ordered from the MES yard in Japan, these will replace the Pacific Pintail and the Pacific Sandpiper.

## 5.8 Emergency Response

Emergency exercises continue to be run with a communications exercise since the last meeting testing the on call arrangements for INS personnel. The overall result was favourable with an average response time of two minutes.

There was also a live scale exercise on the Pacific Sandpiper in Kobe which tested our communications arrangements and the response of our Emergency Response contractor in Japan.

## 6. Terminal Review

Dianne Redman gave the review in relation to the Terminal.

### 6.1. Operations

The Terminal continues to provide a selection services to the PNTL and NDA fleets. This includes the provision of safe and secure berths and the loading and discharge of flasks.



Since the last meeting May 2007, the shore crane has been re-roped in preparation of the HLW returns from the UK to Europe. The crane has also been re-painted using a Contractor sourced through the Official Journal of the European Union. The hook has also been replaced and is now rated to 150te.

Pacific Sandpiper arrived back in Barrow in last week from Japan. The Port Operatives discharged 2 flasks containing Material Test Reactor Fuel (MTR). These flasks will be shipped on to the USA in Spring 2008.

The Sellafield Limited designed vitrified residue transport flask (VRTF) which was sent to the Rokkasho site for operating trials will be unloaded from the Pacific Sandpiper in the next few weeks and will commence testing in the residues export facility at Sellafield site.

The empty flask loaded to the Pacific Pintail for use during emergency response exercises will be utilised for new rail wagon trials within the next few weeks but will return to the vessel.

Due to dock gate repairs at Workington, the Atlantic Osprey berthed in Barrow for 6 weeks earlier this year and loaded 2 empty Magnox flasks on the anchor line basin. The vessel then sailed to Sweden where the flasks were filled with Spent Fuel and returned to Sellafield via Workington Port.

The Terminal remains in compliance with the International Ship and Port Security Code (ISPS). The last audit took place in June 2007. There was no significant findings.

## 6.2 Personnel

Personnel at the Terminal have undergone various courses, depending on their roles since the last meeting:

- Crane Evacuation Training
- Legionella Awareness training
- Fire Warden Training
- Rail Line Maintenance

## 6.3 Visitors

Since May the Terminal has hosted a total of 25 visits with delegates from:

- UK Ambassador to Panama
- Representatives for the Department for Transport
- Chilean Ambassador
- Japan Atomic Energy Commission



## **7. Environment, Health & Safety Review**

Rob Magraw gave the report concerning EH&S.

### 7.1. Quality and Environmental Management Systems

International Nuclear Services and INS Transport and PNTL continue to be certified to ISO 9001:2000 and ISO 14001:2004 the International Standards for Quality and Environmental Management Systems.

LRQA, our third party certification body, conducted two surveillance audits in October 2007. No non-conformances or issues of significance were raised in these audits.

Discussions with LRQA are ongoing to ensure INS and PNTL retain certification to ISO9001:2000 and ISO14001:2004 throughout the transition of INS to NDA ownership

### 7.2. Environmental

There have been no environmental events either on the ships or at Barrow Terminal since the last meeting.

Progress against the agreed environmental improvement targets for 2007/08 is good with a number already complete. Improving energy efficiency at Barrow Terminal, better co-ordination between ships and terminal on reducing packaging and improving categorisation of waste, and a review of ship bunkering operations are among the targets.

### 7.3. Conventional Safety

In October 2007 INS achieved a significant safety milestone with the whole of the INS organisation attaining a full year without a single Days Away Case.

More locally the Marine Terminal has now achieved over three years without an accident that resulted in time away from work. Furthermore, since the last meeting there have been no recordable injuries at the Terminal.

### 7.4. Ships

PNTL accident performance continues to improve with no Days Away Cases in over a year and the last greater than 3 day lost time accident back in February 2006. At the beginning of November the MV Pacific Sandpiper achieved 2000 days without a lost time accident. Four minor accidents have been reported by PNTL seafarers this calendar year. One required medical treatment for a cut to the head, whilst the other



three resulted in the affected individuals being assigned to restricted duties as a precautionary measure following sprains and strains.

Since the last meeting a PNTL officer has been seconded into James Fishers to manage the “Hooked on Safety” behavioural observation process. The injection of new ideas is helping to ensure the momentum is maintained and the benefits in safety performance continue to be realised.

#### 7.5 Radiological Safety

For all voyages completed since the last meeting the radiation exposure to seafarers and terminal operatives continue to be very low, i.e. individual doses less than 1 milliSievert, which is the internationally accepted annual dose limit for the general public and the lowest category set by the IAEA for occupational control arrangements.

The chairman noted that accident statistics were improving and that the aim is to maintain that level of performance

### **8. DRS Review**

Andrew Sumner gave an update on DRS operations.

- 8.1. DRS service performance update – since the last meeting DRS has delivered 100% of all services requested and 93.8% on time, with no accidents or incidents.
- 8.2. DRS has added a further 10 environmentally friendly Class 66 which is a low emission, low noise and vibration to the existing fleet.
- 8.3. They have also recently expanded the business portfolio to run charter trains using their own coaching stock.
- 8.4. DRS' Open Day, Kingmoor Depot, Carlisle, in July 07 was a success with approximately 1500 visitors through the gate. Due to the success of this Open Day, they are looking into plans to have another Open Day at Gresty Bridge, Crewe in the Summer of 2008.
- 8.5. DRS is working with British Nuclear Group, Project Services and the Low Level Waste Repository to support Magnox Electric Limited in a joint commitment to improve efficiencies and driving innovation in all areas of business.  
An opportunity to investigate alternative methods of transporting LLW moves. Currently it is being transported by road to Sellafield then by rail for a short journey to Drigg. It is intended to run a feasibility study into the option of running a number of LLW shipments by rail, as an alternative to some of the existing road movements. Spent Fuel from the majority of the UK's nuclear power stations has been safely transported by rail



since 1962.

8.6. DRS is continuing to carry out some NDA facing works – meets with Regional Managers in NDA to see how DRS can assist in the business.

8.7. A Training School has been set up by DRS

## **9. Community Support Review**

The Chairman reported that he was pleased to inform the members that recently International Nuclear Services Ltd and PNTL had been in a position to be able to support a number of local charities. Including:

- Various items from the Pacific Teal have been given to various charities in the Barrow area.
- £1,000.00 given to the Furness Falcons Wheelchair Basketball Cub towards the cost of two pairs of spinery wheels.
- £1,000.00 has been given towards outdoor equipment for Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School.
- £1,000.00 has been given to Barrow Rotary Club, in support of a concert for Barnardo's charities in Barrow
- Mr A A Brown and Councillor E Wood have been involved with the Sea Cadets on the Barrow Committee.

## **10. Any Other Business**

10.1 Phil Huck, Barrow Borough Council gave an update to members with regards to the Development of Barrow

In September 2007, the council published an Action Plan for the Water Front and Business Park with a 6 week gap for public comments. 25-30 comments were received in total. All remarks on comments will be fed back to the public in the New Year.

Planning consent for Ramsden Business Park covers 20,000 metres of floor space and a start has been made on the ground works.

A 2<sup>nd</sup> Access to TheWater Front Business Park is under negotiation as Industrial traffic may be an issue. Plans on the Water Front Business Park ground floor has been released to the public for interest.

Marina Village

A Start has been made in October 07



30-40 Consultants/developers were given a presentation for comments/expression of interest, of which 4/5 will be asked to provide a 2<sup>nd</sup> phase proposal by the end of 2008.

Acquisition of land – slow progress but ongoing. Progress is being made behind the scenes.

#### **11. Date & venue of next meeting**

The next meeting of the RDTSG is anticipated to be held around Summer time 2008, at INS Marine Terminal. The Secretary will notify members when a date has been set.

The Chairman thanked members for attending 2<sup>nd</sup> RDTSG meeting.

**Toni Mullen**  
RDTSG Secretary

11 March 2008

#### **Distribution**

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