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Quality Freight will along with its sister company BLS (Bulk Logistic Solutions) co-exhibit at one of the most important industry exhibitions for logistics, bringing together industry experts and investment decision makers from all over the world. It is a comprehensive platform where the most important issues affecting the industry today are discussed and where new innovation potential is brought to light. ■

Quality Freight Group will once again be exhibiting at Breakbulk Europe, with over 6,500 participants and exhibitors attending the event. Exhibitors and sponsors include specialized ocean carriers, freight forwarders, ports/terminals, logistics providers, ground transportation, heavy air, export packers, equipment companies and more. ■

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QF WELCOMES NEW TEAM MEMBERS

We are delighted to announce the addition of **Jasmijn Groenendijk** to the Quality Freight NL office.

Jasmijn brings with her experience in shipping, transport and warehouse operations, commercial development and administration and will work along with Ben Philipsen, QFNL manager. Wishing Jasmijn every success in her new role with us. ■



David Binnie joined Quality Freight Belfast at start of February 2015 in role as Indoor Commercial Development. David has a background with one of the world's largest forwarders and has experience in air, sea and road logistics which will place him in good stead with the range of services Quality Freight offer. ■



In other news **Paula Curran** has been appointed Operations Manager at Quality Freight Belfast. Paula has been with Quality Freight Belfast for 8 years in July 2015 and has grown from junior role to operations manager. A well-deserved promotion and one we all wish her every success with. ■



We would like to welcome **Emer Thompson** to our Accounting Team. Emer is the new Finance Manager for QF Ireland and will work closely with Fergus and the rest of the accounting team in Dublin and across the group. ■



We are pleased to introduce the appointment of **Fergus Geraghty** as Group Financial Controller. Fergus has worked extensively for PLC's and in the private industry including extensive experience in Shipping and Logistics financial management. ■

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RENEWABLE LOGISTICS FOR THE WIND INDUSTRY

QFG were once again called upon to assist in the transportation of a wind farm from the hinterland of Germany to the rural environment of Waterford.

There are significant issues which require consideration when taking on such a project and management is key for ensuring that the turbine components and large transformers are delivered to a wind farm in a safe manner. With 25 years' experience our dedicated and experienced team provides our services worldwide, including full project management, planning and execution. Alphatrans is our partner on said moves. We work closely with them on Import and Export flows. ■

QFG SPONSORS MINI MARATHON AND LAUNCHES COMMUNITY FUND

The QFG Belfast office has joined up with Larne Athletic Club for this year's Mini Marathon, not only sponsoring the event but Group Commercial Director, Roger Barham has adorned his running shoes in support of the community. This year will see the highest participation yet with over 1500 runners taking place in the relay events and the full 13.1 mile half marathon race.



QF UK have also shown their support to the community with the Cheshire Foundation, the purpose of the "Quality Freight Fund" is to support charitable purposes and deserving causes in the Ellesmere Port area. The fund made its first donation to the St Vincent de Paul society (SVP) that will assist in the running and maintenance costs of their furniture van for the year. The van is used to collect and distribute items to homes across the town and is seen as a valuable asset to the community. ■



QUALITY FREIGHT GROUP LIVERY

The Quality Freight Group has expanded its haulage fleet further by purchasing both traction and trailer units.

Two no. MAN Artic' Units TGX 26.440 XLX will provide traction for two no. Fruehauf Smooth-sided, sloper frame, Bulk Tipper Trailers with automatic, electric covers and blue tooth technology and two no. Feldbinder Bulk Powder Tankers. "This allows QF to enhance its transport provision even further and give improved customer service" says Malcolm Clarkson, Transport Manager. The new units were immediately put to work on contracts for Encirc and CEMEX in its UK operations. ■



QUALITY FREIGHT SET FOR EXPANSION AFTER SIGNING NEW LEASE

Quality Freight UK has committed to a new 20-year lease with its partner Peel Ports at its 40-acre multi-modal facility in Ellesmere Port, Cheshire. Expansion plans include the investment of a seven-figure sum in the development of a new 40,000 sq. ft. warehouse to increase the volume, quality and variety of goods that can be housed on the site.

A key element of the intermodal port is rail. It can handle both inbound and outbound cargoes and all types of cargo including bulk, container and FMCG. Quality Freight is able to feed into the national and European rail network through its relationships with major rail operators.

Sebastian Gardiner, Managing Director of Quality Freight UK, said: "The signing of our new lease is an important milestone as it provides security for the further, significant investment we plan to make in the next 12-18 months. Our capital expenditure programme

reinforces our commitment to Ellesmere Port and our desire to enhance our position as a leading multi-modal facility. The signing of the lease and our expansion plans will also enable us to add to our 50-strong workforce. Peel Ports are an excellent partner because they share the same passion and commitment in ensuring that UK ports are able to offer the best possible infrastructure, facilities and services."

Andrew Martin, Group Land and Property Director for Peel Ports, said: "We are delighted to have put in place a long-term partnership agreement with Quality Freight at Ellesmere Port. We are fully supportive of Quality Freight's expansion plans and their commitment to investing in new facilities that will underpin their growing business. We look forward to working with Seb and his team to drive port activity in the future." ■



QUALITY FREIGHT STEVEDORING ON THE MOVE

QFG has invested 300k in a new Fuchs MHL 360 crane for its Multi Modal facility at Ellesmere Port. It handles incoming rail wagons, currently in excess of 200,000 tonnes bulk sand per year, because of its flexibility it is easily transferred to nearby locations.

On cover we see it being transported by low loader to a customer site at Runcorn where it has loaded in excess of 25,000 tones of bulk cargo to export vessels in past 6 weeks. Sebastian Gardiner QFUK MD states "This has been a most worthwhile investment in terms of handling rail borne cargo and general cargo to / from vessels in the port as back up to the main L150 harbour crane, but has the flexibility to 'follow the cargo'." ■

25 YEARS



Quality Freight Dublin celebrates its 25th anniversary having been founded in Dublin in October 1990, says Group MD, Trevor Dumbleton, "we have come a long way in what seems a short timespan", with a number of exciting divisions now within the Group including the UK port operations as QFUK and The BLS Group of companies together with the expanded QF operations in four Irish locations and the recently opened Rotterdam venture. Some formal functions are being planned for later in the year, but to kick it off QFD is putting up two fully paid tickets to the Rugby World Cup playoffs in Cardiff in a 'free draw' for clients. To enter please go to our website. ■