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Baptism of fire for Peter

QF's Port Operations manager Peter Devonshire faced a baptism of fire as soon as he took up his new post.

Yet again, QF was instrumental in keeping the UK's roads safe for motorists, taking on the logistical challenge of distributing 80,000 tons of rock salt by road from the Ports of Liverpool and Southampton.

Our Deep Sea division also played an important role overseeing the chartering of ships.



Buses and garden products keep Connect Logistics busy

Connect Logistics Northern Ireland - a joint venture involving Quality Freight Belfast - has landed a number of new client wins including a contract to transport hybrid and electric buses on our flatracks and the movement of garden products from Northern Ireland into the UK via Ellesmere Port.

New faces and expanded fleet at BLS

Bulk Logistics Solutions (BLS) has made three new appointments to its growing team.

They are Howie Gronau, who joins as UK technical manager based at Hull; Jurgen Mook, business unit manager technical sales (Continental) based in Holland and Neil Carter,

who arrives as operations planner at Hull. BLS has also added 50 new-build 20-footers into its fleet, which were successfully transported by barge from Rotterdam to Zeebrugge, while the business has also been active in the Greek port of Piraeus.

New partnership for QF

Quality Freight UK and Belfast have joined Air and Ocean Partners (AOP), a global network for cargo agencies which aims to help members promote their services to each other.



Canal's very own tug of love

The Manchester Ship Canal is used to seeing bigger vessels on its waterway, but one sharp-eyed Quality Freight

employee leapt into action when he spotted the unusual sight of four tugs cutting a swathe close to Ellesmere.



Wedding bells at QF



Wedding bells could be heard recently as Quality Freight Dublin director Colin Dumbleton, eldest son of QF Group MD Trevor, celebrated his marriage to Clair Gandola. QF News wishes our newly weds a long and happy marriage!



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catch the bus

BLS
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to expand

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Ten years success for Ellesmere Port

QUALITY FREIGHT UK CELEBRATES ITS TENTH BIRTHDAY NEXT MONTH AFTER A SUCCESSFUL FIRST HALF OF 2010

The UK arm of Quality Freight Group was launched in July 2000 and shortly afterwards acquired Edward Nicholson Ltd, one of the UK's best known shipping companies which boasted a strong heritage of chartering, stevedoring and port operations in Liverpool dating back to 1879.

Quality Freight Group itself celebrates its own special anniversary later in the year - its 20th - during which time it has evolved from being an agent for many leading operators to becoming a full-fledged operator in its own right.

Today's Quality Freight business combines the total logistics solution including chartering, consultancy, food transport, global freight forwarding, air freight, project cargo, specialist transport and stevedoring.

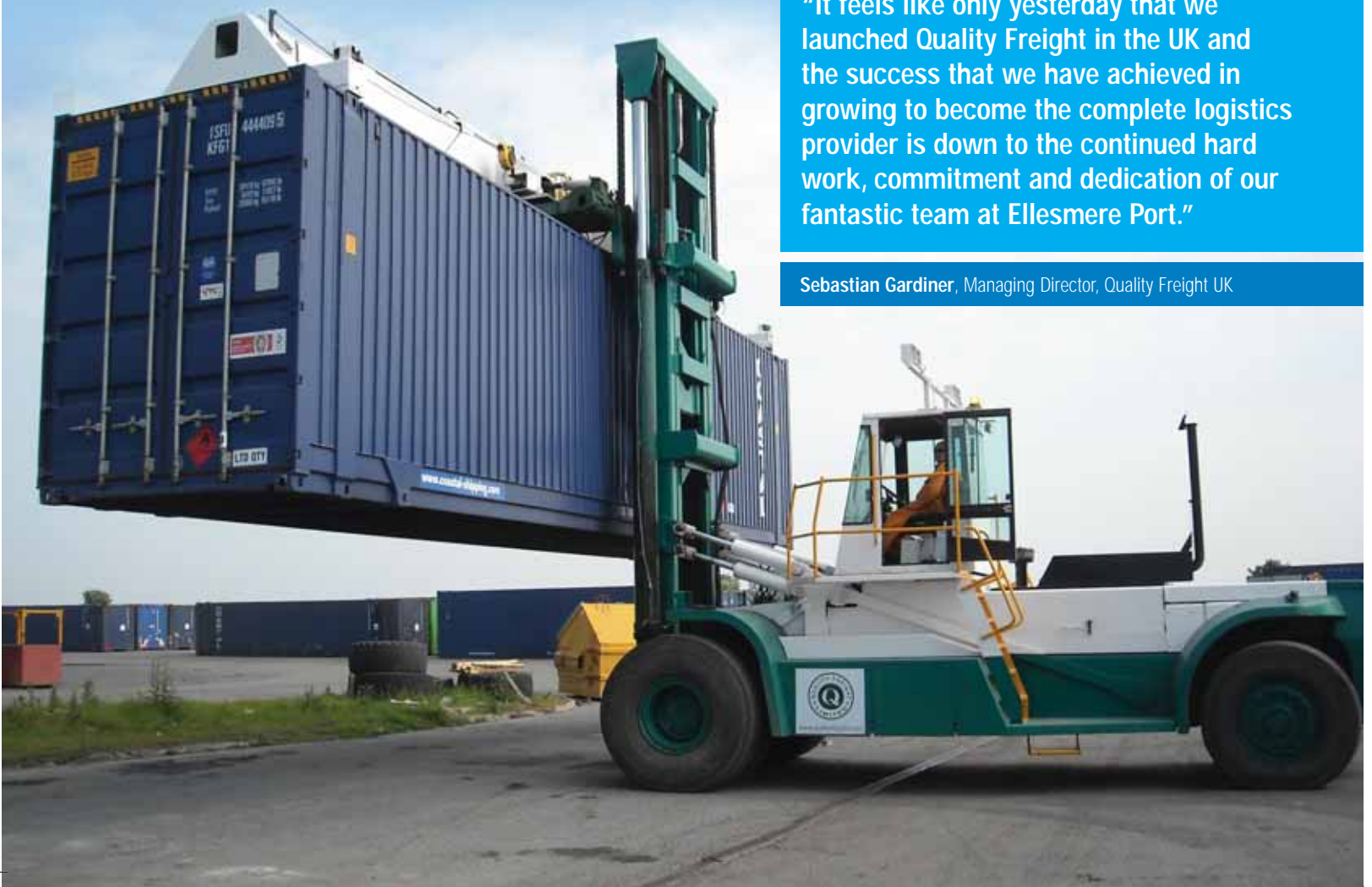
During the past couple of years, the firm has continued to expand and add additional services. Notable among them have been the purchase of a 150ft Liebherr mobile harbour crane giving Ellesmere Port the ability to handle different types of cargo including high volume materials for the construction industry and large quantities of coal.

Quality Freight UK now also offers a specialist deep sea chartering division, headed up by Danny Condon, regularly chartering Handymax and Panamax vessels up to 75,000 tonnes all over the world, including South Africa, South America and the Far East.

More recently, as covered elsewhere in this newsletter, QF UK has been working in harness with Peel Ports with the transportation of containers via barge on the Manchester Ship Canal.

"It feels like only yesterday that we launched Quality Freight in the UK and the success that we have achieved in growing to become the complete logistics provider is down to the continued hard work, commitment and dedication of our fantastic team at Ellesmere Port."

Sebastian Gardiner, Managing Director, Quality Freight UK



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Prestige charter for Quality Freight



This is the magnificent new vessel that Quality Freight has successfully fixed on a time charter period of between 18 and 24 months.

The naming ceremony of the Maratha Prestige took place in Japan's Hakodate shipyard on June 9 and she will now undergo sea trials before being delivered into the time charter period agreement on July 23.

The charterers are Western Bulk Carriers (WBC) of Oslo, Norway.

QF plays key role as Peel doubles barge service

Quality Freight UK has played a central role in the success of Peel Ports' decision to double its barge service along the Manchester Ship Canal from the Port of Liverpool.

Dubbed the "Tesco wine barge" when introduced 18 months ago, its loads include stone from India destined for the new Media City development at Salford Quays. The service, which runs three times a week, has doubled its container capacity from 160 TEUs (twenty foot equivalent units) to 320 TEUs per journey.

Quality Freight UK plays a key role in the successful barge operation, ensuring the smooth discharge of containers at Ellesmere Port ready for the onward delivery by truck to various parts of the UK. On the return journey up the canal, the barge stops to pick up the now empty containers returning them to Seaforth.

Sebastian Gardiner, MD of Quality Freight UK, said:

"The introduction of the barge has been a terrific success, helping to reduce the amount of containers being transported by road. It has also been great to see containers return to Ellesmere for the first time in more than 20 years."

Quality Freight UK has also recently invested in a state-of-the-art container handler at Ellesmere Port.

Conference season for QF

The QF team is having another busy year attending conferences around the world. Paul McGovern, manager of QF West of Ireland (Knock) has just returned from the WCA Sino conference in Barcelona, where he met new and existing contacts from Asia.

Group MD Trevor Dumbleton and QF UK MD Sebastian Gardiner are attending the annual Project Professionals Group (PPG) conference in Antwerp. At the end of September, QF will be jetting to Hong Kong to attend the WCA multi-modal event.

World Cup glory for QF team

A ball had not been kicked in anger at the World Cup in South Africa when Quality Freight made its own contribution to the success of this year's tournament.

QF UK sprung into action when a well known high street retailer hit problems meeting a deadline for a World Cup promotion it was planning in Cape Town.

QF UK took the call at 3.30pm on the Friday to be asked if we could arrange for the successful delivery of their Legends' football cards in time for the launch on the Tuesday morning!

Such was the size of the consignment, a small aircraft's worth in its own right, our team resorted to begging, borrowing and pulling in some enormous favours to secure the necessary aircraft space.



Mike Wiggins, Divisional Manager - Freight Forwarding, added:

"With the aircraft space resolved, arrangements had to be made for the retailer's sub-contractor warehouse to open early on Saturday morning, allowing our arranged specialist transport to be put in to lift, load and run the cargo directly into London Heathrow for the Saturday lunchtime airline security deadline.

"Following export clearance formalities, cargo was loaded and flown on Sunday afternoon, touching down in Cape Town in the early hours of Monday morning.

"To the delight of all parties, the campaign launch went ahead on Tuesday as planned with the football legends' cards on the shelves and subsequently included as "giveaways" in products heading back to Europe."