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## QUALITY FREIGHT PROVIDES MULTIMODAL LINKS FOR BIOMASS SHIPMENTS

Logistics specialist Quality Freight (UK) has provided one of the UK's leading energy companies with multimodal –intermodal logistics support for the handling of biomass materials at its' Ellesmere Port facility.

The development of biomass generation, according to the Government's Renewable Energy Strategy, should meet a quarter of the UK's renewable energy needs by 2020. Quality Freight (UK) received its first shipment into Ellesmere Port docks via road from where it moved via warehouse and onto the port's railhead.

The biomass was then transported to the final destination/power plant by dedicated trainloads. Quality Freight (UK) is also simultaneously receiving the product via coaster, giving true Intermodal synergy. Peel Ports worked closely with Quality Freight (UK) to help ensure the complete logistics solution.

Sebastian Gardiner, Managing Director of Quality Freight (UK), said: "We are pleased to be able to provide this client with the total support it needs to ensure the smooth transportation of the first of a number of planned biomass shipments which will come through the docks at Ellesmere Port. Since the reopening in 2011 we have seen ever increasing demand from customers keen to use the railhead to move shipments around the UK". ■



## QF BELFAST WINS PROJECT CARGO TO USA

Quality Freight Belfast were appointed by Silform Technologies to undertake the complete site to site logistics for moving a series of machines and associated equipment from their site in Lisburn Northern Ireland to Phelps, Kentucky USA.

Silform have entered a joint venture with a partner company at a Phelps coal mine to process waste coal powder back into varying sizes of pellets that can be marketed as fuel for both domestic and commercial use.

The total project was 1140 cbm and weighed 152 tonnes. There were in gauge and out of gauge pieces involved, all of which were collected from client site and shipped to Port of Liverpool to connect with a vessel

destined for Baltimore in USA. Quality Freight appointed Transproject as their USA partner in this project, Transproject are fellow Project Professionals Group (PPG) network members.

The shipment was customs cleared in Baltimore. Once permits in place and the delivery route determined, all pieces were delivered to Phelps site where a crane was organized at site to handle the various pieces. ■



## GIANT PIECE OF PROJECT CARGO ARRIVES AT ELLESMERE PORT

A significant piece of project cargo, one of the largest in the history of the Manchester Ship Canal, was landed at Ellesmere Port Docks on Wednesday 6th of March. The 440 tonne Cat Cracker Regenerator Head belongs to Essar Oil UK Ltd and represents a significant investment in their newly acquired Stanlow Oil Refinery.

The Regenerator Head arrived in the Mersey on a RORO barge from the Port of Antwerp before passing through Eastham Locks and continuing its journey along the Manchester Ship Canal to Quality Freight's facility at Ellesmere Port. On Friday the 8th of April it was unloaded using a multi – wheel hydraulic modular trailer and now awaits onward delivery to the refinery. Vic Brodrick, Business Development Manager for Project Cargo at Peel Ports Mersey said – "This project is an excellent illustration of the capability of the

Manchester Ship Canal to move large pieces of project cargo by water almost to the point of final installation. Without this asset, which at 36 miles long links the Port of Liverpool with Port Salford in Manchester, the other option would have been a significant road leg with all the associated disruption, expense and carbon emissions." Seb Gardiner, Managing Director of Quality Freight who handled the giant piece of kit said "We handle a wide variety of heavy-lift cargo at Ellesmere Port, but this piece is the heaviest for

some time. We have been involved in the planning of this project for nearly 18months, so it is great to finally see it unloaded onto the quay. The unloading operation went exactly to plan, which is testament to the professionalism of all those involved."

Allan James, Project Leader, Essar Oil (UK) Ltd added: "We considered all options for transporting this huge equipment from Belgium, and bringing it on a RORO barge via the Manchester Ship Canal was the most Green and efficient option available." ■



Shaun gets some local education

### QF GROUP CONTINUES TO EXTEND ITS INTERNATIONAL NETWORK: WCA CONFERENCE BANGKOK MAR-13



With established partners in all areas of the Globe these days, we strive to develop and refine our network increasingly through regular overseas travel. Bangkok, Thailand this year's destination providing Mike (UK) and Shaun (Ireland) with a beautiful location to meet and sit face to face with our partners in WCA. Ample opportunity to build and develop relationships, extended time to discuss mutual business interests, international trade and developments within the industry to ensure that we remain at its forefront. ■



### QF GROUP HEADS TO LE HAVRE

QF Group is scheduled to attend the 6th Annual Global PPG Conference. One of France's major business development organizations, Chambre de Commerce et d'Industrie, will host the 6th Project Professionals Group annual conference at the port of Le Havre from May 20-22, 2013.

CCI du Havre (Chambre de Commerce et d'Industrie)  
Amphithéâtre Raoul Dufy  
Esplanade de L'Europe, 76600 Le Havre, France ■

## QF EXHIBITS AT BREAKBULK 2013

The Quality Freight Group again is an exhibitor at Europe's premier logistics fair, Breakbulk 2013, Antwerp. Breakbulk Europe 2013 is the largest exhibition and educational forum in Europe addressing the needs of traditional breakbulk and project cargo logistics professionals. ■



Visit us at Stand 426H1 from the 14th -16th May 2013 at the Antwerp Expo

## QF TO COMPLETE 3RD SET OF BIO TANKS

QF just completed the 3rd set of 2 tanks ex Co. Clare, Ireland to NY, East coast US for the production of biodiesel - QF help Fuel Bio in trying to plant a green footprint on New Jersey's notorious Chemical Coast. Shipped from Dublin to Liverpool where they were then transferred to MAFI trailers and finally onward from Liverpool via ACL to New York. ■



## NEW APPOINTMENTS

### NEW APPOINTMENT WITHIN BLS TECHNICAL TEAM



Stefan Sidiropoulos will join BLS as from the 1st of May as Technical Engineer. Stefan will be based in our Rotterdam office. Stefan was a driver with Boere Transport in Hellevoetsluis in the Netherlands, where he was involved with both Bag in Box and Tank container deliveries. For the last couple of years, Stefan was involved with driver training. Stefan, together with Alan Burley from the Hull office, will both be responsible for the daily Technical matters within both Food & Chemical divisions. ■

### DUBLIN IS PLEASED TO WELCOME BRUNO SCHAEFER

Quality Freight Dublin is pleased to announce the appointment of Bruno Schaefer to assist with driving forward operations. Bruno joins us from manufacturing industry with knowledge of European and South American logistics and will be working closely with operational and commercial staff in Dublin HQ. Bruno has fluent Portuguese, Spanish and English. ■

### PORT STAFF

As QFUK increases its volumes through the port, we are delighted to advise we have increased our workforce, with two new full time recruits on docks Joe Turner and Charlie Edge. Both are very competent operatives and under Brian Westwood will be trained to operate all major plant and machinery and strengthen our team on site. ■

### UN ACCUEIL CHALEUREUX ..... TO PHIL BENNETT, NEW TRANSPORT MANAGER AT QF (UK).

Phil, a fluent French speaker, joins us from a background in the specialized transport sector. With his experience ranging from Bag in Box through Powder / Pressure and Chemical Tankers, including the movement of varied Dangerous Product ranges, on behalf of a client base encompassing the spectrum of European industry, his appointment brings a new dimension to the Group and Quality Freight (UK) in particular from where he will be based. With an already heavily diversified portfolio at Ellesmere Port, Phil will bring the wealth of his expertise to the sector for the benefit of our clients and the Group as a whole. ■



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