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# QF NEWS

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# NEW CARRINGTON POWER STATION PROJECT – “POWER TO THE PEOPLE”



Scheduled for completion in 2016 the new gas-fired power station will be capable of providing enough power for around a million homes.

Situated in the old Carrington power station in Trafford alongside the Manchester Ship Canal with Ellesmere Port being ideally located for the project logistics. After several years in the planning Quality Freight in partnership with the principal Alstom Power Inc. USA and ALE UK the first 2 shipments of project cargo were discharged and moved to the specially prepared 6000m2 laydown area adjacent to the berth in Ellesmere Port. Over 3000 tonnes were handled with many modules over 200 tonnes. The modules were then shipped by RO/RO using Wynns barge Terra Marique to the site in 4 consecutive voyages co-ordinated by QFUK.

## WORK-STUDY-LIFE BALANCE

Quality Freight would once again like to congratulate more members of staff on their efforts whilst combining work and studying, not an easy feat at the best of times.

While it is technically possible to work full-time while studying full-time, it can be a bit like fighting a two-front war, both areas are important and require constant attention, and ignoring either is something you do at your own peril. Anneka Kelly, Ben Johnson, Colin Bonsor, James Cowley and Shaun Ryan have all been successful in their areas of education, a testament to their ability to install a "work-study-life balance". A special congratulation is offered to Colin Bonsor inset as he receives his certificate in London for the Port Agency

module of the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers exams. Colin was top of his class achieving the highest mark across the UK in this exam.

### Full list of successful examinations:

<b>Anneka Kelly</b>	Fundamental Level ACCA Qualifications
<b>Ben Johnson</b>	Port and Terminal Management, Dry Cargo Chartering
<b>James Cowley</b>	Logistics and Multi Modal Transport
<b>Shaun Ryan</b>	MSc Marketing Executive
<b>Colin Bonsor</b>	Port Agency, Shipping Business

## CLEAN ENERGY

Once again Quality Freight has become involved in the renewable energy sector. QF Belfast has been engaged by Wind N.I. a specialist in generating wind power turbines for businesses across the North. Wind N.I.'s recent purchase of second hand turbines required the QF team to collect from four sites in Germany with the use of twelve standard trailers and three specialised extendable trailers for the oversized blades. The turbines were delivered to the fabricator and installer Duncan Plant & Construction site in Ballycastle for refurbishment prior to final delivery to the wind farms. Each wind project has its own characteristics, some of which are more important than others depending on location, no aspect is left unconsidered including all environmental points from road access, site size, wind speed and visibility.



# MAMMOET SELLAFIELD MOVEMENTS



In partnership with the principal Mammoet and the construction group Costain the last of the eleven nuclear modules were moved by barge from the Quality Freight Terminal to the Sellafield Evaporator D nuclear power project in West Cumbria, UK.

The modules were constructed adjacent to the dock facility and Mammoet supplied several Self Propelled Modular Transporters (SPMT) to transport the modules to the RO/RO berth. To build the £297m Evaporator D pro-

ject, Sellafield, a subsidiary of Nuclear Management Partners, contracted the UK construction group Costain. The largest of the modules to be housed at Sellafield measures 27m high, with a weight of 500t.



## GROUP COHESION... QF OFFICES PROVIDE MULTIMODAL SOLUTION

QF Belfast has been employed by JL Goor, a supplier of high end equipment to the Pharma industry to provide a logistical solution for the transport of Polymer Extrusion Machines from Amsterdam, Netherlands to various sites across Ireland.

With some machines weighing in over 20ton the recent opening of QFNL office has been able to facilitate these collections in Netherlands, providing an expertise that is greatly appreciated. The machines are loaded at collection point by overhead crane into a sliding roof trailer; from here the trailer is delivered to Rotterdam terminal by where it is loaded onto a roro vessel destined for Dublin port for onward delivery to their accredited engineering company. Once a pre-delivery inspection is completed and all bespoke requirements of end user to machines is ensured, QF Dublin takes over the reins and resumes with the scheduled deliveries, executing the deliveries with the right machine, at the right time, at the right place, whilst accommodating the unloading points with secure storage of the high value machines when and where required.

## LIGHTING THE WAY – TRANSFORMER ARRIVES AT DUBLIN

Inset, is one of the large transformers about to be lashed and secured to a specialised trailer handled at Dublin Port throughout 2013. In co-operation with fellow PPG member from Belgium, Heavy Lifting & Handling, the QF Dublin office successfully completed handling of and preparation for this transformer destined for the Irish Electricity Board's (ESB) sub-station at the Dunnstown site. The Transformer measuring 10m x 5.2m x 5.3m and 182mt was discharged using tandem lift mobile cranes supplied by our partner Crane Hire.



# QUALITY FREIGHT OPENS NETHERLANDS OFFICE

Since the opening of the BLS offices in Rotterdam and its operating companies BLSF (Food), BLSC (Chemicals), and Global Liners, it was only a natural progression to expand the Quality Freight Group's position onto the continent.

Opening the new office allows Irish and British companies direct access to key markets. As our economies continue to grow, so too do the opportunities for companies at home to deepen their involvement in the European market. This new office is a testament to the increasing success that the QF Group is achieving on the continent.

Ed van der Meulen heads up the operation joining us with an extensive career in Freight Forwarding with particular emphasis on full and part load movements across continental Europe. He will provide direct support as well as drive sales that will allow the QF Group to focus on growing and developing its presence in Europe – ultimately supporting the growth of businesses back home. QF has taken on together with

Global Liners more than 50% of the total warehouse site. Which includes an ADR dedicated store within the complex. This allows QFNL to offer platform transshipping, temporary storage, stuffing or de – stuffing of trailers containers to be added to our portfolio.

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## QF UK achieves TASCSC Badge

*(Trade Association Scheme for Combinable Crops)*

The Ellesmere Port operation has successfully gained TASCSC approval for handling & the management systems for combinable crop products for two of its warehouses. The TASCSC system will be rolled out to include additional storage units over the coming months to ensure market demands are met.

TASCSC was developed because farmers and end users wanted to be sure that crops of grain, oilseeds and pulses were treated responsibly once they left the farm. TASCSC encompasses the supply chain from farmgate to primary processor with specific codes of practice covering grain storage, haulage, merchandising and testing. It provides independent verification that the trade is meeting food safety laws.

Complimenting this achievement, the Ellesmere Port site is also undertaking a rigorous self assessment in Health and Safety.



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