

New website emphasises strength of QF Group

Quality Freight Group has launched a new look website to reinforce its position as an organisation that provides a comprehensive range of logistical services.

The Group offers freight solutions in every sphere from consultancy to simple national transport to the most complex international transits using every mode of transport.

The Group's two principal offices are in Dublin and Ellesmere Port, with other offices in Belfast, Cork, Knock, Hull and Rotterdam.

Our teams of dedicated professionals are quality assured, possessing all relevant liability insurances and membership of the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers.

Trevor Dumbleton, Quality Freight Group MD, said:

"We are committed to living up to our name in everything we do, providing efficient and effective solutions that are geared to meet the specific requirements of each of our customers."

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Promotions and new appointments announced

Quality Freight Group has announced a number of promotions and new appointments including:



DERRY CONNOLLY becomes bulk development manager in Dublin working closely with hauliers and bulk customers to further improve service levels and create new business opportunities in this area.



DEIRDRE LYNCH is promoted to key account manager in the Dublin office working closely with Derry.

Deirdre is responsible for a number of Quality Freight's food customers including Diageo and sugar partners.



SHAUN RYAN is promoted to sales executive in Dublin but with responsibility for developing business opportunities across the whole of Ireland. Shaun's forwarding links will help develop new opportunities for customers.



MATTHEW SAMUEL has joined the forwarding team in Dublin having previously worked for the CSAV Group in India. Matthew's Indian connections are already proving their worth with new business developments in the country.



PAULA CURRAN has joined the Belfast office and is involved in all aspects of the office, assisting accounts and completing the transport spreadsheets, and looking after many of our freight forwarding customers.



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Food only 'bag in box' service gets moving

The BLS bulk food only container system has won plaudits from its customers.

Our fleet of purpose built bulk food containers has so far handled a number of consignments for the sugar industry, but is now diversifying into other areas including coffee, rice and cereals. Clients include Tate & Lyle and Eurosugar.

The service, run by BLS Sales Director Paul Lightfoot, principally operates out of Hull and Rotterdam.

BLS offers a transport network of dedicated trained professionals operating to the highest industry standards.

Paul said: "Food producers like the fact that we are offering them a specialised, high quality food only service which guarantees zero contamination.



"We operate across Europe and can handle the highest payloads. We are extremely optimistic about the business opportunities for BLS going forward. While we have mainly been busy with sugar to date, we are in talks with a number of other food producers in areas such as cereals, rice and coffee.

"For producers, we offer a fast, efficient, highly specialised service, but most importantly of all, peace of mind."

Marco Van Sintmaartensdijk

Among the critical members of the BLS team is Marco Van Sintmaartensdijk who works closely with customers and haulage suppliers helping them understand the loading and discharging methods and other technical issues.



For more information visit www.bls-bulk.com



Containers return to Ellesmere Port

Quality Freight is working closely with Peel Ports as containers return to Ellesmere Port dock for the first time in more than a decade.

"This is another exciting development for Ellesmere Port and one which offers a real environmental benefit. We're delighted to see containers at the dock again after all these years."

Sebastian Gardiner
MD Quality Freight (UK)

Last year, Peel began operating a barge capable of carrying up to 160 20ft containers from the international container terminal at Liverpool Seaforth to the Irlam Container Terminal 40 miles up the River Mersey and Ship Canal.

Since then, the regular service has helped take thousands of trucks off the road and ensured that containers which have travelled across the globe finish their journey on water.

Now the service is calling at Ellesmere Port to drop off local produce and then on its return journey stops to collect the empty containers.

Eucon ran the last container service into the port, but this came to an end 10 years ago.

From Kildare to Cartagena... QF meets the logistics challenge

Quality Freight Group swung into action to meet the challenge of dismantling and transporting machinery from a concrete manufacturing plant bound for Colombia.

Colin Dumbleton led the QF team on the ground in Co Kildare working closely with his Irish colleagues and the customer from Cartagena, Colombia, which also sent a team across to watch the dismantling.

The total payload was in excess of 929,000 kgs and involved open top and high cube containers and 300 cubic metres of oversized cargo.

From Ireland, the cargo was transported first to Liverpool and then to Hull by road and by sea to Antwerp before making its long final journey to Cartagena in a deep sea ship.

Colin, who is based in QF's Dublin office, said: "This was a complex and challenging assignment allowing us to demonstrate our ability to provide customers with the complete logistics service."



Quality Freight (UK) MD Sebastian Gardiner and Trevor Dumbleton, Quality Freight Group MD, took part in the inaugural Project Professionals Group (PPG) event in Aarhus, Denmark.

The event was held in association with a number of leading names including Siemens, US-based Transgroup Worldwide Logistics and the Aarhus Port Authority.

As a direct result of contacts made at the conference, Quality Freight landed the job of transporting decompression units from Aberdeen to Dubai, chartering ships out of Tilbury and Felixstowe.

The "out of gauge" cargo was too big for containers so a

combination of low loaders and flat racks had to be called upon instead.

Mike Wiggins, Quality Freight (UK)'s Freight Forwarding Manager, oversaw the six week project.

Meanwhile, Mike himself has recently returned from the Sino-International Freight Forwarders Conference in Hong Kong, where he made a number of new contacts.

Mike said: "I've already had a number of enquiries, particularly from the Far East, and there are some exciting new business opportunities on the horizon."