

# EP PROJECT TEAM SWINGS INTO ACTION

The Quality Freight team in Ellesmere Port have had a busy few months. Recent project cargoes have included a 329 ton column which was discharged from the barge Krammer and then moved by road to the nearby Essar Energy UK Stanlow Oil Refinery. Heavy lifting specialist Mammoet and Collett Heavy Transport were involved in the transport to site.

Another project saw five transformers each weighing 273 tons loaded on to the BBC Gdansk heavy lift vessel using heavy duty ship cranes and shipped to the port of Rio Grande in Brazil with the final destination being Melo in Uruguay for a major power project involving the two South American countries. The transformers had earlier been moved by road from Alstom in Staffordshire to the Quality Freight terminal in Ellesmere Port.

A third project requiring the specialist project team at Ellesmere Port saw the part shipment of 11 modules via self-propelled modular transporters. The modules – which form part of the UK's largest current nuclear project – are 100 tons each and 10 metres high and made an imposing sight as they were transported and loaded on to the specialist barge Terra Marique. The end destination was Sellafield where, for the first time in its history, sea transport was used as the barge was beached and the modules driven off using a purpose built temporary roadway.



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## A right Royal welcome for Leander



Quality Freight played its part in the Queen's Diamond Jubilee tour when the luxury yacht Leander briefly docked at Ellesmere Port. Car park tycoon Sir Donald Gosling has given Her Majesty the run of the £50million yacht to help her get about during her Jubilee tour of the UK. The 246ft Leander moored in Ellesmere Port before heading off to pick up Her Majesty and continue on its journey to Portsmouth.

## QF HELPS TURN RAGS INTO RICHES

Quality Freight UK has captured several new clients specialising in the provision of re-processed textile waste coming into the country from North and Eastern Europe. QF is vastly experienced in this sector as a transport partner helping to move this relatively light product, usually baled, in 45ft high-cube or pallet-wide containers enabling customers to maximise volume potential. These "rags" go on to be used in high class soft furnishings, bedding and the like, much of which is re-exported, a process QF UK and Ireland are involved in.



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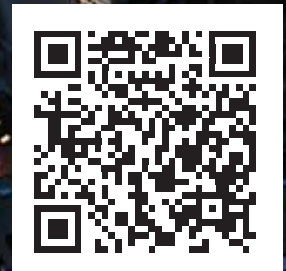
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# Quality Freight and Peel Ports team up for Breakbulk 2012

**Quality Freight Group has teamed up with Peel Ports for Breakbulk 2012.**

The two organisations will have a joint stand at the event which takes place at the Antwerp Expo in Antwerp, Belgium, between May 22-24.

The event is the largest and most important gathering in Europe for companies involved in the shipping of heavy-lift, project cargo and traditional breakbulk cargoes.

It is the major opportunity in the calendar for shippers to develop relationships with the leading specialized carriers, forwarders, ports, terminals and packers.

It is expected that the event will be attended by more than 4500 participants and Quality Freight Group and Peel Ports are among approximately 200 exhibitors.

Trevor Dumbleton, QF Group Managing Director, said:

**“Breakbulk Europe is the big event of the year for project cargo companies such as ours and we had no hesitation in deciding to exhibit in Antwerp.**

**“We are also pleased to be partnering with Peel Ports for this prestigious event which will give us the opportunity to showcase our respective services but also how we also work effectively together on projects.”**

QF and Peel Ports will be joined on their stand by heavy-lift freight forwarding network, the Project Professionals Group, which will promote its member services and capabilities.

PPG General Manager Kevin Stephens said: **“Peel Ports is Britain’s second largest group of ports with five major gateways strategically located to serve the whole of the UK and with the support of Quality Freight offer a number of project forwarding solutions for our clients.”**

Vic Brodrick, Business Development Manager at Peel Ports, said: **“Working in partnership with Quality Freight, Peel Ports aims to showcase the extensive multimodal Breakbulk & Project Cargo capabilities that are on offer at the Port of Liverpool & Ellesmere Port to potential clients. Peel’s attendance at this event demonstrates the importance the Port of Liverpool places on promoting diversity within its already extensive cargo portfolio.”**



# NEW CRANE UP AND RUNNING AT ELLESMERE PORT

**A new mobile crane is up and running at Quality Freight in Ellesmere Port.**

The Fuchs crane is primarily for discharging trains following the reopening of the historic railhead last year having been closed for more than 20 years.

Between two and three trains a week are arriving at the port for discharge.

The new crane will also play a wider role at Ellesmere Port supporting the main Liebherr harbour crane. QF invested £1million in the Liebherr 150 mobile harbour crane in 2007 enabling the port to handle up to 700 tons of cargo an hour.

Sebastian Gardiner, QF UK Managing Director, commented:

**“The addition of the second crane provides a double benefit, primarily helping with the discharge of the trains but also allowing us to further ramp up the volumes of cargo we are able to handle at the port.**

**“More than 800,000 tons came through the port in 2011, beating all previous records, and volumes have remained strong throughout the first quarter of 2012.”**



## MERSEY GATEWAY PROJECT CALLS IN QUALITY FREIGHT

**Quality Freight was the first choice of contractor Structural Soils when its work to investigate the bedrock under the proposed sites for the new Mersey Gateway got underway.**



Structural Soils is mooring two barges and platforms in the estuary from which it will drill a series of up to 22 boreholes up to 45m beneath the riverbed of the proposed second crossing from Runcorn to Widnes.

The information gathered will be used by companies bidding to build and operate the new crossing.

Quality Freight was asked to assist with the receiving,

constructing and lifting to the Manchester Ship Canal of the modular pieces and various other equipment that make up the specialist platforms.

Peter Devonshire, QF’s Port Operations Manager, said: **“We were chosen because we can provide the space, access to the canal and equipment to assist with this specialist project. Our team was praised for its flexibility and professional approach.”**

Construction work on the Mersey Gateway is due to start in the autumn of 2013.

## QF DUBLIN’S CULTURAL FEAT

**The Quality Freight team in Dublin played a small, but crucial role in the unveiling of a unique outdoor space in Temple Bar, the city’s world famous cultural quarter.**

Four giant steel umbrellas, each one 21 metres high, were carefully transported and lifted into place in the form of a tulip. The umbrellas – which form a clever retractable roof which can turn off the rain at the flick of a switch – were designed by Sean Harrington and Ryan Gillespie of Sean Harrington Architects.

The umbrellas were commissioned by the Temple Bar Cultural Trust as part of the Trust’s 20th anniversary celebrations.



## QF SHIPS CRANES TO BUILD HOMES IN BRAZIL

**Quality Freight Ireland has helped drive a major social housing programme in Brazil – hosts of the World Cup in 2014 and Olympic Games in 2016.**

The project cargo team was called in by Mantis Cranes, a manufacturer of self-erecting mobile cranes, which has been contracted by Rossi Construction, one of the developers brought in by the Brazilian Government to build the new homes.

QF coordinated the smooth collection and shipping of cranes into the port of Vitoria where network agent, Leadership Freight, ensured onward delivery and customs clearance.

Another project handled by the QF Ireland office saw the successful shipment of specialised products including high density polyethylene multducts and hydrant chamber systems for footpaths and roadways to ensure clean water. The air freight shipment to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, on behalf of client Cubis Industries, involved a total of 25 oversized pallets and nine tons of cargo.



## Teenage recruit makes the grade



**Quality Freight Group’s investment in youth and training has paid off with the successful apprenticeship of teenager Chanelle Powell.**

Chanelle, who joined QF in Ellesmere Port in January 2010 as a 17-year-old, has recently been given extra responsibilities within the Forwarding Division.

Chanelle said: **“I am really grateful to have been given the opportunity with QF and absolutely love my job. In the space of a day I could be dealing with colleagues and customers in China, the Middle East and South America. No two days are the same!”**