

## Media Release

# NEW TRUCK TRACKING SYSTEM UNDERWAY AT PORT BOTANY

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Work is underway on the implementation of a truck tracking system for the second quarter of 2011, as part of the Port Botany Landside Improvement Strategy (PBLIS), Sydney Ports Chief Executive Officer Grant Gilfillan announced today.

Mr Gilfillan said the new system will allow Sydney Ports to independently measure and analyse actual truck movements as they progress through the Port Botany container terminals from arrival in the Port precinct to departure from the stevedore's exit gate.

"The system is a key component of the operational performance framework governing the service levels of both transport carriers and stevedores at Port Botany," Mr Gilfillan explained.

The PBLIS operational performance framework, with associated industry performance financial penalties for failure to meet mandated performance standards, comes into effect from today, 28 February 2011.

Sydney Ports is seeking carrier registration as part of the PBLIS program and will issue the truck tracking tags for installing in carrier's trucks over the next month.

"Tags will be fitted to trucks servicing the port and a Radio Frequency Identification Device (RFID) will record their arrival at the Port precinct, progress to the stevedore entry gate, the length of time it takes for stevedores to service the carrier and departs the exit gate.

"Importantly, when the truck tracking is operational, the addition of time spent waiting to enter a stevedore terminal to the overall turn round time will ensure stevedores are held accountable for any queues outside their terminals, significantly reducing congestion at the Port."

Mr Gilfillan said truck-tracking "capture points" are being installed across the port precinct at Penrhyn Road, Friendship Road and Simblist Road.

"This crucial landside information we receive will deliver greater transparency, verifying the operational performance of both transport carriers and stevedores and enable Sydney Ports to refine and set ongoing operational performance standards at the Port," Mr Gilfillan said.

RAMP Holdings Pty Ltd, a leading technology solutions integrator, has been awarded the contract to provide the truck tracking system for Port Botany.

Transport carriers must comply with PBLIS regulations by registering their company details on the Sydney Ports website:

[http://www.sydneyports.com.au/port\\_development/landside\\_improvement/carrier\\_registration\\_and\\_truck\\_tracking\\_tags](http://www.sydneyports.com.au/port_development/landside_improvement/carrier_registration_and_truck_tracking_tags)

Until the truck tracking system is operational in the second quarter of 2011, Sydney Ports will audit truck carrier arrivals outside the stevedore terminals as a temporary measure to ensure the stevedores do not impact trucks who have arrived correctly within their time zone.

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