

## Media Release

### JULY 2010 CONTAINER TRADE STATISTICS CONTINUE TREND

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Container trade at Port Botany continued its strong performance in July 2010 – up over 15 per cent, driven by growing exports and strong demand for imported goods.

Sydney Ports Corporation's container trade statistics show that in July 2010, the port reached its highest July container volumes on record, reaching 171,800 TEUs, an increase of 15.3% on the same period last year.

"The record month on July 2010 follows a great financial year for container trade at Port Botany," Mr Gilfillan said.

"In 2009/10 total container trade through Port Botany increased 8% to reach a record 1.928 million TEUs\* (twenty-foot equivalent units) in the financial year to 30 June 2010.

July 2010 saw full container exports reach 40,000 TEUs, up 2.4% on same period last year. The key commodities with the highest growth were Cotton (up 134.8%), Iron and Steel (up 69.8%), Paper products (up 17.1%) and Machinery and transport equipment (up 15.9%).

Full imports for July 2010, were 83,700 TEUs, up 11.4% on the same period last year. The key commodities with the highest growth were Machinery and transport equipment (up 14.5%), Textile fabric (up 57.9%), Chemicals (up 23.9%) and Paper products (up 13.5%).

The leading import regions were dominated by East Asia (48%), South East Asia (14%) and Europe (15%), which combined accounted for 77% of total full container imports.

Total trade for the financial year to date July 2010/11 was 2.6 million mass tonnes — an increase of 12.5% compared to previous financial year.

Mr Gilfillan said this week's release of July 2010 trade statistics came as the \$1 billion Port Botany Expansion achieved yet another milestone.

"The last of the 216 concrete counterfort wall units was installed into Botany Bay, forming the outer wall of the new container terminal," he said.

Counterforts are the giant seven storey concrete blocks which form the 1850 metres of new wharf face for the new terminal – enough for five new shipping berths. Base construction work on the terminal will continue until the middle of 2011.

The site will then be handed to third terminal operator Hutchison Port Holdings for fit-out, in preparation for the start of its operations in 2012.

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