

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **FINAL TRIAL OF GROUND-BREAKING PORT REFORMS**

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**Monday 31 January 2011**

Sydney Ports has announced the start of the final industry trial of the ground-breaking Port Botany Landside Improvement Strategy (PBLIS) penalty system for stevedores and road operators.

From tomorrow, February 1, Sydney Ports will commence a trial run of the new PBLIS system - which will ultimately see financial penalties between port users for failure to meet regulated benchmarks.

“Our PBLIS reforms have already started, with Sydney Ports receiving crucial landside performance information from the stevedores to improve transparency and establish performance standards at Port Botany” the Chief Executive of Sydney Ports, Grant Gilfillan, said today.

“The final trial will allow stevedores and road operators the chance to adapt to the new performance management framework between them.

“Once we fully verify accurate performance information from the stevedores, we intend to turn-on the system and begin enforcing the payment of penalties for non performance between the parties.”

Sydney Ports’ staff will be manning container terminal gates, actively monitoring queue times, arrival times and truck turnaround times during the industry trial at Port Botany. This trial is expected to last until February 28 subject to the data provided.

The roll-out of the PBLIS regulations will also set rail servicing prices for Port Botany – helping meet the Government’s long term objective of moving 40 per cent of containers to and from the port by rail and keeping more trucks off Sydney’s busy roads like the M5.

Mr Gilfillan said the PBLIS reforms aimed to meet the challenges of increased activity at Port Botany.

In 2009/10, a record 1.93 million TEUs came through Port Botany – breaking 1.9 million TEUs for the very first time. This was an 8 per cent increase in container trade.

“We will be required to handle a significantly higher volume of containers over the next 30 years”, Mr Gilfillan explained.

“Servicing this volume of containers will require an integrated state-wide approach involving all ports, stevedores and landside logistics providers to achieve high levels of efficiency and productivity throughout all elements of the supply chain.

“Our PBLIS reform program aims to improve port performance now, but also about managing the future long-term container growth at Port Botany.”

Sydney Ports held its 6<sup>th</sup> industry briefing on the staged roll-out of the PBLIS system today.

**WHAT:** PBLIS Industry Briefing

**WHEN:** 8 am, Monday, January 31

**WHERE:** Stamford Plaza, Sydney Airport, O’Riordan and Robey Streets, Mascot.

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