



## LONDON GATEWAY

Mr. Mike Collins from **HAY WORLD CARGO**, TPF member in the UK, reports that DP World announced its London Gateway deep-sea container port will start operations in the fourth quarter of 2013 with an initial annual capacity of 1.6 million TEUs.

London Gateway is designed as a national hub port for the UK, able to accommodate the world's largest containerships and providing shipping access to an integrated road, rail and sea network. In addition to the major deepsea facility, London Gateway will also house Europe's largest logistics park, with almost a million square metres of space for the distribution, manufacturing and hi-tech sectors.

Dubai-based DP World has been laying the foundations for the project since early 2010, and is expecting to invest a further \$1 billion over the next three years. The project has already created more than 600 jobs since January 2010 and DP World announced the creation of an extra 1,000 new jobs at the site in the coming months - 700 in construction and 300 new port jobs. However, estimates suggest that as many as 36,000 jobs will be created in the long term at London Gateway, providing some £3.2 billion to the UK economy each year.



**HAY WORLD CARGO** also informs TPF members that, following the update of their corporate image which they started with the change of their logo, there is now a new more dynamic and user-friendly website. You can visit it at [www.hayworldcargo.co.uk](http://www.hayworldcargo.co.uk)

## CHENNAI PORT

Mr. Nakul Tanna from **LINKS FORWARDERS**, or member in India, informed that due to the high inventory and congestion at the Chennai Port, Chennai Port Trust (CPT) decided to regulate the flow of cargo movement in and out of the port to bring the situation back to normality.

All export movement stopped from October 13, 2011 at 06:00 hours to October 17, 2011 at 0600 hours (both days included) as operations focused on evacuation of the import containers at the yard. Also, all vessel operations stopped at both terminals at CPT on 13th and 14<sup>th</sup> October. Only a few services were not affected by this decision.



In the meantime, the Port of Krishnapatnam's start of container operations in late September has offered an alternative to the congested container gateway in Chennai. Krishnapatnam Container Terminal is about 112 miles north of Chennai and offers 2,130 feet of

berth, a 44-foot draft, 4,000 ground slots and an annual capacity of 1.2 million TEUs. By early 2012, the terminal will have state-of-the-art infrastructure, including five mobile harbor cranes, four quay cranes, six reach stackers and adequate back-up facilities.

## FLOODS IN THAILAND

**S.A.OVERSEAS**, TPF member in Thailand informs of one of the worst flooding in five decades. The floods began in July, but have steadily worsened throughout October, and are mainly concentrated in northern and eastern areas around Bangkok, areas which are home to hundreds of manufacturing facilities that are now completely flooded.

The automotive and hard disk drive manufacturing industries appear to be among the hardest industries affected. Some 14,000 factories have been affected by the monsoons floods disrupting the supply chains of multinational companies including Apple, Ford Motor, General Motors, Nissan Motor, Honda, Toshiba, Toyota Motor and Western Digital.



Transportation throughout the country remains difficult as roads and railroads remain underwater. However, Bangkok's largest airport, Suvarnabhumi International Airport continues to operate. It is fortunately located in an area not affected by the floods. However, the country's second largest airport, Don Mueang Airport is closed after floodwaters reached the runways.

Exports have fallen 15 % since the floods began and The Bank of Thailand said it would downgrade the country's growth estimates for 2011 to 3 % from 4.1 %.

Shortages of supplies are expected to last into the first quarter of 2012. Prices have already increased 20%-40% and will probably increase even more depending on how long the flooding lasts and how quickly facilities can reopen.



### ASHES AGAIN

Ms. Nhithong Ngu, from **WES**, our member in France, reported that several airlines advised them that intermittent flight disruptions, cancellations and weight restrictions might occur throughout the areas of in Montevideo (MVD), Santiago (SCL), Sao Paulo (GRU) and Rio de Janeiro (GIG) due to the reappearance of volcanic ash.



### THANKSGIVING

This year Thanksgiving will be on Thursday, November 24. Our best wishes for a very happy holiday to all our members and friends in the USA!

