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Frequentis Maritime integrates communications for Port of London

The Port of London Authority (PLA) has announced a major upgrade in its communications with the award of a contract to Frequentis GmbH. The system to be provided includes the 3020MCC Integrated Voice Control Switch plus upgrading and provision of a number of radio sites that serve the Port of London, one of the busiest ports in the UK.

The contract is part of a project to upgrade the PLA's Port Control Centre at Gravesend. The new communications system will combine telephone and VHF on a touchscreen display and will be available at all workstations. State of the art conferencing and linking between VHF and telephone users will all be possible with the new system.

The PLA has statutory responsibility for the regulation of navigation of 93 miles (150km) of the tidal Thames from the Estuary through the centre of London to Teddington. London is one of the UK's top three ports and handles over 50 million tonnes of cargo each year. More than 13,000 commercial vessels visit the port each year.

Port of London Authority VTS Manager Barry Goldman said: "We set demanding standards in tendering for these new systems and Frequentis has entered an exciting proposal to meet our requirements. We are looking forward to developing the partnership approach with Frequentis."

This is the first UK marine related contract for Frequentis, although the company has a number of other major marine successes under its belt, including a fully networked, countrywide coastal radio network for the Norwegian coast, Telenor Telecom Solutions AS.

Speaking at the contract signing, John Gurney, Managing Director for Frequentis UK, explained: "Part of our success is down to our partnership approach with customers. We deliver a quality and sophisticated product on time and on budget and our customers are the winners. We look forward to working closely with the newest member of our UK customer family, the Port of London Authority."

In the UK, Frequentis already has major contracts in air traffic control; public transport; the police, fire, ambulance services; and the UK Ministry of Defence. Frequentis is based in Richmond, Surrey and Littleport, Cambridgeshire. The headquarters are in Vienna, Austria.

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