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Dear Sirs

LONDON GATEWAY APPOINTMENT

I enclose a copy of a press release sent to the London Stock Exchange in accordance with our 12g3-2(h) exemption from the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in connection with our ADR program.

Yours faithfully

Liz Eddington
Company Secretariat

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LONDON GATEWAY APPOINTMENT

P&O announces that Main Board Director, Michael Gradon, is appointed Chief Executive, London Gateway. In this new role, he will take on Board responsibility for the £1.5 billion port and business park projects at London Gateway in Thurrock, Essex. The government announced on 20 July that both projects had received conditional approval.

Michael Gradon is Director, Commercial and Legal Affairs. In his present position, Michael is already responsible, as Chairman of P&O Estates, for London Gateway business park. Prior to the government's announcement, Michael Seymour, P&O Ports Regional Director, Americas, was responsible for London Gateway port. Mike will now resume his full time position back in the US.

Commenting on the announcement, P&O Chief Executive Robert Woods said "The London Gateway projects are a major opportunity for P&O and an important area for future investment. With Michael Gradon's appointment to this new position, we will now be able to take an overall view at Board level of both projects. I should like to thank Mike Seymour for his excellent work in developing the London Gateway port project to its present stage."

Michael Gradon is currently also P&O's Company Secretary. Following his new appointment, he will be stepping down from this role. His replacement as Company Secretary will be announced shortly.

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