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**PRESS RELEASE**

**SHOREHAM PORT PREPARES FOR CHANGE IN LEADERSHIP**

After a decade of service at Shoreham Port, Rodney Lunn the Chief Executive has decided that he intends to leave the Port at the end of the year. This creates a rare opportunity for new leadership at Shoreham Port. Rodney will remain in his current position until December, allowing ample time for a successor to be appointed.

During his tenure, Shoreham Port has seen a 75% growth in revenue from £8 million to £14 million, through a focussed diversification of business and a relentless drive for continuous improvement. Last year, around 1,500 commercial shipping movements and over 2 million tonnes of cargo were handled.

Additionally, the Port now has a thriving tenant community with over 100 businesses and 1,500 jobs across its estate. The Port Masterplan remains on track with strategic land purchases and development of key sites, for example the Lady Bee Enterprise Centre, a new commercial estate on an area of reclaimed land near the lock gates will be completed in May 2019.

Rodney’s mantra has always been that the Port may not be the biggest Port in country, but will strive to be the best. This has meant hiring the best staff and training everyone to deliver a first class service to their customers. As a Trust Port, building relationships with the Port’s eclectic mix of stakeholders and delivering meaningful community partnerships has also been a priority for Rodney.

Amber Foster, Chair of Shoreham Port said “Rodney has taken the Port from strength to strength and will be greatly missed. He has made a tremendous contribution to Shoreham Port, to its stakeholders and to the Port sector as a whole. Thanks to his leadership, we are well on the way to delivering the Masterplan, the Port’s relationship with its stakeholders has been transformed and he leaves us in a position ready to move onto our next stage of development. It’s a legacy of which he should be very proud. Rodney will leave Shoreham Port in a very strong position for the next Chief Executive to capitalise on for the future. The Board and I would like to thank him for this and we wish him well with his future endeavours.”

Rodney Lunn said “It has been a great privilege to be the Chief Executive of Shoreham Port over the past decade, and I have thoroughly enjoyed working with an enthusiastic and committed team. We have achieved great success together, however, I believe the time is now right to step aside and hand the baton over to a new leader, to ensure new ideas and fresh perspectives are brought to the Port. We have 120 fantastic staff members and I am confident that the Port will continue to thrive and remain a key local and regional economic driver.”

The Chief Executive vacancy will be advertised from the beginning of April on the Port’s website – [www.shoreham-port.co.uk/jobs](http://www.shoreham-port.co.uk/jobs).