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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **NEW \$12 MILLION CRANE AT LYTTELTON PORT**

A new \$12 million ship to shore gantry crane has begun operating at Lyttelton Port of Christchurch (LPC), supporting faster container transfers and increased productivity.

A group of key Lyttelton Container Terminal customers will see the new crane in operation at the Cashin Quay wharf at the Container Terminal today (23 October) as part of a tour of Port developments. The Port now has three of its four cranes with twin lifting capability.

The new crane, the Liebherr Super Post Panamax ship-to-shore, has the greatest reach, up to 18 containers wide, and greatest lift capacity at 70 tonnes, and can service vessels up to 8,000 TEUs (twenty foot equivalent containers).

It will give the Container Terminal the capability to service two vessels at the same time, instead of one, when the first 55 metre section rebuild of the Cashin Quay 2 wharf is completed in December providing a second container vessel berth. It will also allow more cranes to be used on large ships, increasing productivity in container transfer to and from vessels.

“The new crane works with the other three ship to shore cranes at the Lyttelton Container Terminal to enhance safe, reliable service, turning vessels around in the shortest possible time,” said LPC Chief Executive Peter Davie. “The new crane and eight Liebherr straddle carriers are a \$26 million investment in infrastructure made by LPC to support enhanced customer service, Port productivity and efficiency.”

The new crane is one of the latest models in New Zealand. It was constructed in Ireland by specialist German manufacturer Liebherr, with New Zealand company Rich Rigging completing and assembling it on site at the Lyttelton Container Terminal.

#### **Photo Captions:**

*Crane 2,3, 4 and 6 photos attached:* (Left to right) LPC Crane drivers Mike Searle, John Rush, John Coleman, Ray Spain and Nigel Goodmanson.

*Crane 7 photo attached:* (Left to right with the new crane directly behind them:) LPC Crane Drivers Mike Searle, John Rush, Nigel Goodmanson, John Coleman and Ray Spain.

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