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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Container volumes up 10% at Lyttelton Container Terminal**

Container volumes through the Lyttelton Container Terminal (LCT) continue to grow with a strong result for the first quarter of the new financial year (1 July to 30 September 2014). Container volumes for the quarter were up 10% on the same period last year.

In the first quarter this financial year the container volume was 92,672, whereas last year it was 83,993. This follows year on year growth of 9% for the 2013 / 14 financial year.

The number of vessel calls for container vessels increased 4% with 106 visits in the last three months.

While export cargo remains strong, the first quarter growth was underpinned by 13.6% growth in the inbound volumes. This was both from international volume and also continued growth in domestic volumes.

The full year volume outlook is positive despite the recent decision by Kotahi to direct more volume through Timaru Container Terminal. While LCT expects some downturn in volume, the first quarter result was extremely encouraging.

Outside of the LCT, volumes are also trending well across the rest of the Port. Logs , cars , fertiliser and grains are all well above last year's levels, while cement and bulk steel imports continue to grow as the Canterbury rebuild gains momentum.

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