

The Port Marine Safety Code Annual Statement 2011

The Board of Directors of The Manchester Ship Canal Company Limited (MSC) have a duty under the Port Marine Safety Code (PMSC): A Guide to Good Practice on Port Marine Operations section 2.1.4 to publicly report on PMSC performance.

We can confirm that Marine Safety Management System operated in the port has undergone an audit in July 2011, by a team led by the group Designated Person, Captain Stephen M. Gobbi.

Each harbour authority must appoint an individual as the designated person to provide independent assurance directly to the duty holder that the marine safety management system, for which the duty holder is responsible, is working effectively. Their main responsibility is to determine, through assessment and audit, the effectiveness of the marine safety management system in ensuring compliance with the Code.

The Peel Ports Group has a firm commitment to continual improvement and we therefore set our standards very high with a firm intent to achieve best practice within the port industry. As members of the United Kingdom Major Ports Group we engage with regulators, safety agencies and other port groups over a wide spectrum in order to improve marine safety through careful assessment and appropriate systems that are rigorously applied.

The Board is pleased to confirm that on basis of the audit there was sufficient indication that the requirements of the Port Marine Safety Code **were being met.**

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