

## **PETA Ltd H&S Audit of Newhaven Port & Properties Ltd (NPP) - 24<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

Our new Health & Safety Consultants PETA, undertook an annual audit of the Port's H&S system on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2011 to review the effectiveness of the existing H&S Management System and to establish the level of compliance with H&S legislation and good practice, and where necessary to recommend the actions necessary to achieve compliance.

The audit found that a very positive and proactive attitude towards improving and maintaining high standards of health and safety at the port was demonstrated by the senior management. It found that there was evidence of a safety culture developing amongst the workforce although there is still some way to go in some areas. Communication between senior management and the workforce appeared to be good.

The audit recognised that a comprehensive two part Port Safety Management System (PSMS), has been produced and introduced as the Company policy. Part A, the H&S Policy follows the principles in the HSE Guidance Document HSG65 (Successful H&S Management). Part B, the Port Marine Operations, is concerned with the shipping activities and the safe operation of the harbour.

The main aim of the audit was to establish the level of compliance with the PSMS Part A, leaving the Part B to the Port Marine Safety Code Auditors.

Overall the audit was satisfactory with no immediate life threatening concerns being noted. A number of issues were observed and these were reported to NPP in the form of a report.

NPP have incorporated these issues into an Action Plan to be discussed and actioned in due course as per the policy of the Safety Management System and with the assistance of PETA Ltd. NPP thank PETA for undertaking this audit and assisting it to further improve its H&S policies.