



Environmental investments secure award for Southampton port business



Solent Stevedores, a UK leading port operator has been awarded the Best Environmental Initiative for its industry-leading environmental improvements at its cruise facilities in the Port of Southampton.

The prestigious cruise trade industry Wave Awards celebrate the very best of the UK's cruise industry. The award evening was held on 15 October in London with cruise lines, travel agents, ports and tourist boards present.

In partnership with ABP and as part of a port-wide air quality strategy, the cruise stevedores implemented a number of initiatives to contribute towards and improve the short-term and long-term air quality in the port.

These award-winning initiatives include a £1 million investment in a new fleet of 35 electric emission-free counterbalance trucks for use across the port's five cruise terminals. Solent Stevedores enhanced staff engagement to embed environmental values and introduced a cycle to work scheme. In addition to these initiatives having a proven positive impact on the environment they also implemented a number of upgraded safety measures.

Tom Dynes, Operations Director at Solent Stevedores, said, "We are incredibly proud to receive this award in recognition of our forward-thinking environmental initiatives."

“It is important for us to be a key player in the wider cruise industry movement to become more sustainable. We know that positive progress with air quality is also an important part of the future of the city of Southampton and we’re dedicated to being part of this.”