Consultation Paper
Introduction of Permit for the Provision of Mooring Line Handling Services to Large Commercial Vessels

In the interests of safety and in line with best practice as described in the Port Marine Safety Code and the associated Guide to Good Practice on Port Marine Operations, the Harbour Master considers that the safety risks involved in undertaking Mooring and Berthing Operations are such that the operation should only be undertaken by suitably trained personnel.

It is intended that organisations wishing to offer such a service to large commercial vessels will be required to demonstrate that personnel employed have the required level of skills. Monitoring of these standards will take the form of a permit issued by the Harbour Master under Harbours (Jersey) Regulations 1962 as amended.

It is proposed that:

- Any company involved in providing the service of assisting large commercial vessels (>35m) undertaking mooring operations in St Helier or Gorey Harbours will only use personnel trained to the standard as described in document SEMME2095 as published under the National Occupations Standards. This would also apply to any individual wishing to supply a similar service.

- Only companies or individuals who are suitably and demonstrably trained will be authorised to operate under a permit issued by the Harbour Master.

- All mooring operations in St Helier and Gorey Harbours will follow the guidance described in document SIP005 “Guidance on Mooring” as published by Port Skills and Safety in conjunction with the UK HSE.

The reason for this consultation is to allow providers of the service to comment on the Harbour Master’s proposals.

Comments are to be directed to Ports of Jersey Marine Officer Peter Lawrence by using email peter.lawrence@ports.je or by writing to Ports of Jersey, Maritime House, La Route du Port Elizabeth, St Helier JE1 1HB.

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Consultation List

- Harbour Facilities Ltd
- Solent Stevedores Ltd
- Manche Isles Ltd
- St Helier Port Services
- Channel Logistics
- Condor Ferries
- Channel Island Lines