

## New terminal facilities at Grangemouth

Last month a terminal was opened by Kuwait Petroleum (GB) at its Ross Chemical and Storage facility at Grangemouth.

Representing an investment of £5.7 million, the products terminal was officially opened by local MP Michael Connarty, who praised the commitment of the company in making a significant contribution to the infrastructure of the Scottish economy.

The new facilities involve the modernisation and extension of existing terminal, originally built in the 1960's. Normal operations continued while construction of the spacious new facilities took place on reclaimed land. Throughout capacity has now been considerably extended – to an estimated 900,000 tonnes per year – with product flow rates increased by 88 percent. Liquid storage capacity now totals 95,000 cubic metres of which 70 percent is dedicated to hydrocarbons and the remainder to chemicals, sodas and acids.

Features to meet present and, it is hoped, future health and safety standards such as

bottom loading gantries, vapour capture systems and driver controlled electronic metering, have now been installed. Safety measures include integrated vehicle earthing and overspill prevention equipment. The installation of a vapour recovery unit will follow next year as a second phase

of the current expansion.

Kuwait Petroleum (GB) Managing Director Owen Jenkins said that central Scotland was one of the key marketing areas for his company and that these new terminal facilities would make possible an expansion of its Scottish operations when the opportunity arose.

The company was making itself ready to take advantage of the 'booming' Scottish economy.

Kuwait Petroleum (GB) is just one of the terminal's customers but Ross Chemical and Storage also provides terminal services for other companies such as Conoco, Gulf, ICI Chemicals, Occidental Chemicals, Phillips and Total.

Mr Jenkins explained that Kuwait Petroleum was 'a relatively small player' in the UK market, though it plans to become somewhat bigger. He pointed out that, apart from the terminal, his company had invested £3 million in Scotland in the last 12 months.

In Europe the Kuwait presence is bigger. According to Mr Jenkins, the parent company, Kuwait Petroleum International, has large market shares of up to 20 percent in Sweden, Denmark and Benelux, a very significant presence in Italy and new companies in Spain, France, Germany and Hungary. He added, 'KPI remains one of the fastest growing petroleum organisations worldwide, with vigorous forward plans.'



Kuwait Petroleum invests 5.7 million in new Scottish Terminal, Ross Chemicals and Storage Grangemouth Scotland



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