Associated British Ports South Wales

NOTICE TO MARINERS

NO 4 of 2011

Removal of Requirement for Emergency Tow-Off Pennant Systems (ETOPS)

The Oil Companies International Marine Forum (OCIMF) Risk Assessment * has

concluded that Emergency Tow-Off Pennant Systems, (or Fire Wires as they are

otherwise known) are no longer necessary for tankers whilst berthed alongside in a

dock or at a riverside jetty.

Following consultation with tanker berth operators in South Wales, it has been agreed that the findings of the risk assessment are accepted.

Accordingly and with immediate effect, MARINERS ARE ADVISED that it will

no longer be a requirement for vessels berthed at any South Wales port.

* OCIMF Lloyds Register Risk Assessment of Emergency Tow-Off Pennant Systems

(ETOPS) Onboard Tank Vessels October 2009

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Owners, Agents and Charters should ensure that the contents of this notice are made known to the masters or persons in charge of their vessel or craft.

