

# Annex C-6: Application of Falmouth Docks and Engineering Company



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25<sup>th</sup> July 2014

Dear Miss Wall

#### **APPLICATION FOR HARBOUR DIRECTION DESIGNATION**

Falmouth Docks & Engineering Company manages a statutory port within the Fal Estuary with ports limits shown in Appendix 1. The Company already has powers under the Docks Act of 1959.

The Company provides wharfs and dry dock services to over 100 commercial vessels every year and its waters encompass the approach channel, the Eastern Jetty which is heavily used for bunkering activities and the entrances to 3 dry docks and the new wet basin which is under construction.

Falmouth Docks and Engineering Company wishes to apply for the following reasons:

1. To assist FDEC in meeting the recommendations of the Port Marine Safety Code to Good Practice.
2. To deal with risks associated with dry docking operations and those related to the alongside vessels including ship repair, naval vessels, cargo operations, jack up rigs and cruise ship and the increasing numbers and size of yachts and super yachts that transit our/port's waters.
3. To enable FDEC to put in place measures for the navigational control that will be required due to port developments, such as those related with changes to approach channel, changes to wharfs and the new wet basin which are all ongoing as part of the Port Of Falmouth Development Initiative, within our waters.



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4. To work with adjacent harbour authorities to allow consistent rules to be applied within the connected waterways in order to provide greater clarity for the general public and the masters of ships.

FDEC is not aware at this time of the need to repeal any statutory provisions of local application.

FDEC will continue to engage with other port users through the Port Users Group with membership broadened to include users that may be affected by a particular direction on a case by case basis. We have sought the views of Falmouth Harbour Commissioners in preparing this application.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. P. Lowe'.

Capt Tony Lowe  
Dockmaster  
Falmouth Docks & Engineering Company



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## ASSURANCE

I Confirm that the following resolutions of the Falmouth Docks & Engineering Company were duly passed at a meeting of the Company on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2014.

The Harbour Authority has had regard to the content of and agrees to comply with the code of conduct on harbour directions, in particular:

- a) To maintain a Port User Group and to apply a dispute resolution procedure such as is set out in the code of conduct when required and,
- b) To have regard to the supplementary guidance issued from time to time by National Directions Panel on the subject of harbour directions.

The Chief Executive is authorised to apply to the Secretary of State for Transport for Falmouth Docks & Engineering Company to be designated as a designated harbour authority for the purposes of section 40A of the Harbour Act 1964.

Name

A. P. Lowe

Capt Tony Lowe,  
Dockmaster

Signed

A. P. Lowe

Date

30/7/14.

