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DX to deliver for land registry

DX IRELAND, a provider of early morning, next day, nationwide postal services has been awarded a €1 million three-year contract for the provision of business mail services to the Property Registration Authority, formerly the Land Registry/Registry of Deeds. DX Ireland is part of the DX Group, which had a €260 million turnover for the year ended June, 2006. The firm will provide a business document delivery service from the Property Registration Authority to the legal profession throughout Ireland, offering savings of €500,000 to taxpayers. Kevin Galligan, managing director, DX Ireland, said: "The winning of contract is an important acquisition for DX Ireland as we make further inroads towards a fully competitive postal sector in Ireland. The legal profession makes up 67% of our mail delivery business, which means we are in an excellent position to provide this service on behalf of the Property Registration Authority. In addition, our public sector product, Gov DX, which we launched last year, provides significant savings for the Irish taxpayer."

DX Ireland delivers over 10 million mail items per annum for its 4,000 clients. Diarmuid Clancy, deputy registrar, Property Registration Authority, said they were pleased to award the contract to DX Ireland, thereby "ensuring that time sensitive, valuable legal documents are delivered to their destinations on time and providing significant value for money and savings to the taxpayer". Through its document exchange service, DX Ireland delivers over 10 million mail items per annum on behalf of nearly 4,000 clients in the financial services, legal, government, technology and professional services sectors.

Dave Ronayne, right, Chief Executive of Cork-based shipping group Mainport, has said the purchase of a €4.6m offshore supply vessel (below) which will be deployed on seismic projects in Brazil, will help the company consolidate its position and open up new markets.



Shipping firm in €10m deal

By VINCENT KELLY

MAINPORT, a shipping group with headquarters in Cork, has purchased a €4.6m offshore supply vessel which will be deployed on seismic projects in Brazil at the end of this month.

The contract, which will be worth €9.9m to the group over the initial four years, is with Compagnie Generale de Geophysique (CGG), the world's market leader in seismic projects.

The renamed vessel, *Mainport Oak*, will provide support services to large seismic vessels while her sister-ship, *Seahorse Supporter*, will continue to work with CGG off the coast of India.

Dave Ronayne, chief executive of Mainport, commented: "This strategic purchase has opened up new markets for us and consolidated our position with CGG, a key player in several in-

ternational markets.

"Our history to date with CGG in India and the Gulf of Arabia has been very successful and Brazil offers several new opportunities for us.

"The group is in a phase of rapid growth with an expected turnover in excess of €47 million in 2007 and several other exciting projects in the pipeline at this time."

CGG, which is headquartered in Paris, recently completed the takeover of Veritas, a major player in the US seismic market, in a €2.1bn transaction. It now has 20 seismic vessels operating in several locations worldwide. The *Mainport Oak* will provide support services to some of these large seismic vessels on her first assignment in Brazil.

Mainport Oak was purchased from Seacor, the US supply ship giant, and

formerly plied the waters off the coast of Ireland on offshore oil exploration programmes.

Mainport's African division, Mainport Africa, is overseeing the re-fit in Capetown under the direction of Captain Dave Hopkins, marine director at Mainport.

Established in 1867, The Mainport Group, the firm employs almost 100 people in the ship management, stevedoring and offshore services sector in Ireland. Headquartered at Monahan Road, Cork, the group has offices in Dublin, Limerick, Roynes, South Africa and Norway.

The Mainport Group is also involved in joint ventures with major shipping and shipping services groups in Norway, with Sartor Shipping, South Africa and other projects in the seismic support, safety-standby, salvage and wreck removal, warehousing and storage sectors.

IRISH STOCK EXCHANGE SHARES

PRICES AT 10.30AM TODAY

	Price	Change	% Change
Abbey - Ix	11.50	0.07	11.43
Agri Therapeutics - Ix	1.80	0.00	
Aer Lingus Group	2.90	0.00	2.90
Allied Irish Banks	22.53	-0.02	22.55
Amgen Corp - Ix	1.14	0.00	
Amnixa	0.27	0.01	0.04
Anglo Irish Bank	16.15	0.16	16.05
Blackrock International Land - Ix	0.95	-0.01	-0.02
Bank Of Ireland	17.42	-0.02	17.45
Calys Group - Ix	1.18	0.00	
CDC Group	11.85	-0.10	-0.01
CRH	31.17	0.37	30.80
CTL Resources - Ix	6.95	0.05	6.50
Datalix	0.74	0.04	0.70
DCC	24.30	0.05	24.25
Diageo	14.42	0.00	14.42
Donaghi Creameries - Ix	8.50	0.00	8.50
Draper Oil	2.74	-0.06	2.90
Elan Corp	9.87	0.57	9.30
F & D Holdings	40.00	0.12	39.88
Fliffes - Ix	1.00	-0.02	-0.02
Finance Ireland - Ix	0.16	-0.03	0.18
Gaetano Irish	14.20	0.00	14.20
Genetec Europe - Ix	0.15	0.00	0.15
Glaxia	2.43	-0.01	2.44
Glencore Mining - Ix	0.15	0.00	0.15
Grafton Group	12.20	0.13	0.01
Governors Group	4.30	0.04	4.26
Horizon Technology Group	1.02	0.01	1.01
IMNS Group	18.40	0.05	18.35
Iron	29.20	0.00	29.20
IFG Group	2.21	0.00	2.21
Keane Technologies	1.97	-0.11	4.93
Independent News & Media	3.05	-0.01	3.06
High Life Aid Fundament	21.00	0.25	20.75
Keenans Resources	4.40	0.00	0.40
Keenans Resources	0.67	0.00	0.67
Kerry Group	19.85	0.04	0.00
Kingspan Group	19.79	-0.01	19.80
Lapp Platt - Ix	0.24	0.00	0.24
McInerney Holdings	15.39	-0.16	15.49
Miramet - Ix	0.22	0.01	0.22
Newcourt Group - Ix	1.75	0.00	1.75
Nobson Group - Ix	2.08	0.02	1.98
Orbild Group - Ix	0.12	0.00	0.12
O'Keefe & Butler	0.22	0.00	0.22
Orinoco Mining - Ix	0.18	-0.01	0.18
Ovoca Gold - Ix	0.16	0.00	0.16
Paddy Power	37.30	0.20	17.10
Petroleum International - Ix	0.21	-0.01	0.22
Petrobrás Resources - Ix	0.66	0.00	0.66
Providence Resources - Ix	0.08	0.00	0.08
Quakerman Shares	2.45	0.00	2.45
Realtyx	2.60	0.00	2.60
Real Estate Opportunities	1.35	0.00	1.35
Ryanair Holdings	11.15	0.15	11.00
Sinosir - Ix	1.19	0.00	1.19
Tesco	4.14	0.00	4.14
Therforce - Ix	0.22	0.00	0.22
Total Produce - Ix	0.71	-0.01	0.72
Trinity Biotech	1.72	0.00	1.72
Tullow Oil	6.10	0.00	6.10
United Drug	4.83	-0.01	4.04
Ulv	6.20	0.00	6.20
Wells - Ix	4.97	0.00	3.98
Volink	1.43	0.00	1.43

Firm splashes out €500k on Trabolgan

TRABOLGAN Holiday Village re-opens on St Patrick's weekend for the 2007 holiday season.

This follows a €500,000 spend to improve facilities.

This year, holiday visitors can look forward to a new *Barnes* show featuring BJ and Baby Bop, as well as free access to even more activities, including a fitness suite, sauna, steam room and free introductory sessions to archery, aeroball and trampolining.

Trabolgan Holiday Village is loc-

ated on a stunning 140-acre estate by the sea and is the perfect holiday destination for families, sports enthusiasts, music and dance fans, and corporate and social groups.

The venue has a host of indoor and outdoor facilities and activities available on-site, including a swimming pool complex, go-karting, zip wires, abseiling, soccer, basketball, golf and a fully equipped fitness centre.

Residents staying at Trabolgan Holiday Village will also benefit

from a €500,000 investment in the 172 on-site self catering homes.

New attractions and features this year include:

- Free access for all residents to the fitness suite, steam room and sauna.
- A new toddler's play area.
- A stunning new *Ultra Violet Puppet Show*. This is a show in the dark puppet show.
- A new and improved Kids Club Programme, with full supervision.
- A fantastic new outdoor seating area, with spectacular sea views.

All guests who stay at Trabolgan Holiday Village between March 16 and June 7, will receive a new loyalty voucher worth €50, which can be redeemed against any future holidays taken in the 2007 season at the venue. Vouchers can be transferred between family and friends.

Trabolgan Holiday Village also has some fantastic themed midweek and weekend breaks lined up this year, including:

- Kids Go Free midweek breaks in March and September.

Trabolgan Toddlers midweek breaks in April and September.

Trabolgan inter-company family fun Challenge in May.

Kids Just Want To Have Fun weekend in April.

American Pie weekend in April.

Soccer skills weekend in June.

Fitness and fun weekend in September.

For more details and offers, check out the Trabolgan Holiday Village website, www.trabolgan.com, or contact (021) 4661551.