



Port Nelson Extends Jade Master Terminal To Manage Break Bulk Cargo

Christchurch, New Zealand, 16 June 2009 – Jade Software has successfully implemented Jade Master Terminal (JMT)'s General Cargo module to enable inventory management of break bulk cargo at Port Nelson, New Zealand. Port Nelson's container packing division 'Quay Pack' has experienced significantly increased volumes in particle board packs and sawn timber products resulting from growth in New Zealand's timber exports over recent years.

The new General Cargo module replaces inefficient manual processes and extends the same operational control over critical management information relating to break bulk cargo that Port Nelson enjoys in its vessel scheduling and container handling businesses.

As each item of cargo is received into the terminal, it is scanned by hand held barcode readers mounted in forklifts. Jade Master Terminal automatically plans the position of cargo although a forklift operator is able to amend the actual location, accessing JMT using an online Windows CE based data terminal with 3G cellular communications technology. There are no paper records or manual data entry required.

The automated inventory management processes enable Port Nelson for the first time to accurately identify the exact location of up to 5,500 individual packs distributed across three warehouses. Previously Port Nelson relied on the suppliers' own records, held in a proprietary system, for advice of the arrival of cargo at the port. Cargo was declared either 'on or off port', with no additional location information available.

By providing direct access to the JMT system for customers and Customs officials, the number of queries to Port Nelson staff are substantially reduced. Stock turnover is managed by JMT, ensuring that aged stock is packed into containers for export ahead of newer items.

Parke Pittar, Chief Commercial Officer, Port Nelson, says; "Jade Master Terminal continues to deliver improved productivity and customer service throughout the port. Jade Software worked closely with Port Nelson's operational and logistics teams to develop a straight forward warehousing solution that is simple to use by all staff. We plan to extend the enhanced service to other commodities and cargo types, confident that we can process anything which can carry a barcode."

Dave Quennell, Logistics Programme Manager at Jade Software, says; "Port Nelson clearly understand and are leveraging the advantages of an integrated platform in Jade Master Terminal to handle all of their cargo rather than using several stand alone systems. We know that many ports and terminal operators want the flexibility to easily process different cargoes as traditional container volumes slow or reduce."

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