



**PRESS RELEASE**

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## **FORTH PORTS PLC**

### **New Leith restaurant concept is on track**

Forth Ports PLC's latest project to regenerate the Leith waterfront is literally well on track. The port operator, which is also the leading developer at Edinburgh's waterfront has submitted a planning application for a new restaurant which will be housed within a refurbished intercity rail carriage. The café, which will sit on listed rail lines at Alexandra Dock near Leith's Malmaison Hotel, will also feature a generous external seating area with views over the docks and its surrounding developments which include the Scottish Government's building at Victoria Quay..

Under the proposed plans, Forth Ports will refurbish the carriage and develop the surrounding area at Alexandra Docks where it will be situated. The company will then be looking to attract an appropriate operator to run the new attraction as a quality restaurant/café. The facility will seat approximately 12 inside with a space for an additional 60 people in the outdoor seating area. This new project follows on from Forth Ports refurbishment of the Newhaven Fishmarket which is now home to two quality restaurants, Loch Fyne and Prezzo.

Pending planning approval, the new rail carriage could be open for business as early as April 2009 and is expected to bring additional visitors to the area and further enhance the local community in Leith.

Commenting on the proposed restaurant, Nathan Thompson, Managing Director of Forth Property Developments Ltd said 'This is an exciting project which demonstrates our continued commitment to make the waterfront an even more attractive place for local residents and visitors. We look forward to progressing our plans and speaking to potential partners who can help us create another quality attraction at the waterfront.'

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### **Notes To Editors**

Forth Ports PLC owns and operates the Ports of Grangemouth, Leith, Rosyth, Methil and Burntisland on the River Forth, the Port of Dundee on the River Tay and Port of Tilbury on the River Thames. Forth Ports PLC is also a significant landowner with extensive property interests and a number of high profile developments. These include the Scottish Government offices and Ocean Terminal shopping centre – home to the former Royal Yacht Britannia - at Leith, the Western Harbour, Granton Harbour and Leith Docks developments on Edinburgh's waterfront and the City Quay development at Dundee.