

## Port Development

During 2007 the Port continued its five year (2006-2010) £142m Capital Expenditure programme to deliver new terminals, logistics facilities and container capacity. The main highlights included:

- The opening of a 75,000-tonne capacity, animal feeds facility at Stormont Wharf. This deep-water facility ensures the Port of Belfast maintains its position as the leading agriculture sector port on the island.
- The opening of Belfast Container Terminal (BCT), the Port's second dedicated container terminal at an 11.5 acre site at Herdman Channel. BCT is one of the largest container facility expansions to be developed by an Irish Port in the last decade.
- The opening of a 3,530sq m warehouse facility for Menzies Distribution Ltd. This represents the first development at the new 40-acre Logistics Park at Airport Road West.



Plan for future developments

## 'Project 2025' – The Future of the Port of Belfast

In July 2007, the Port of Belfast unveiled plans to reclaim 120 acres of land from Belfast Lough at a cost of £630m to accommodate economic growth.

The announcement was made as an economic report was published detailing the scale of the Port's contribution to the Northern Ireland economy. Produced by the London-based research consultancy 'CEBR', the study forecast that by 2025 the Port, like all other Northern Ireland Ports, will be required to cater for a doubling of traffic if Northern Ireland is to match economic activity in the rest of the UK. ▶



Aerial view of the seaward entrance to the port