

Lodestar logistics agreement

Ports of Auckland and CHH Lodestar have completed an agreement to establish new facilities to handle and pack Lodestar's Auckland-based forest products cargo.

Lodestar has appointed Netlogix as their materials handling specialist to operate the facilities which will be located at Ports of Auckland's Wiri Intermodal Freight Hub and Waitematā sea port.

"This is the first step in a new partnership between New Zealand's largest container port and one of New Zealand's largest exporters which aims to reduce supply chain costs and improve export competitiveness," the parties said in a statement.

Tony Gibson Ports of Auckland CEO said: "It is a core element of our strategy to develop an open, collaborative supply chain network across New Zealand. This network will exploit the natural flow of freight and containers around the country to deliver a cheaper, more efficient service to exporters and importers."

Ports of Auckland has recently entered joint ventures to open a new inland port in Longburn, Palmerston North and to form Nexus Logistics Ltd, an independent container logistics and distribution services provider.

Lodestar's general manager, Murray Horne, said the arrangement helps to deliver on Lodestar's strategy of maximising efficiencies across its logistics networks.

He said the collaboration would optimise efficiencies from the manufacturer through to the end customer.