



Gladstone Ports Corporation
Growth, Prosperity, Community.

Media Release

10 February 2010

Record year of exports for GPC in 2009

It's been another record year for the Gladstone Ports Corporation.

CEO Leo Zussino said the port achieved a record throughput of over 81million tonnes in 2009.

"The port is moving from strength to strength and these figures are an indication of that," Mr Zussino said.

"This is the first year the port has broken through the 80 million tonnes of export per annum.

"2009 was a year of milestones, with records broken not only in coal exports but also in grain exports."

Mr Zussino said total grain exports for 2009 exceeded 486,000 tonnes.

"This record was achieved through an increase in wheat and sorghum exports as well as an increase in chickpeas and cottonseed exports.

"In 2008 total grain exports were just over 196,000 tonnes"

Mr Zussino added a bumper grain crop in 2009 was the reason for the massive increase in grain exports through the port.

"Coal exports also exceeded previous years," Mr Zussino stated.

"Last year the port exported over 58 million tonnes of coal an increase of three per cent on 2008," he stated.

"This increase was managed despite the global economic downturn in the early half of 2009."

Mr Zussino added GPC employees had stepped up a level to ensure the port smoothly managed the increase in coal demand as the year progressed.

"GPC is continually improving the way things are done at the port and implementing improvements in the way the port handles coal exports."

ENDS

For further information please contact:

Lee McIvor

Media Advisor

Gladstone Ports Corporation Limited

Port of Gladstone

Phone: 0749761212

Mobile: 0448 199 850

Fax: 0749761193

www.gpcl.com.au



▪ Ph: +61 7 4976 1333 ▪ Fax: +61 7 4972 3045 ▪ 19 Yarroon St/PO Box 259, Gladstone QLD, 4680, AUSTRALIA ▪ www.gpcl.com.au
▪ Gladstone Ports Corporation Limited ▪ ACN 131 965 896 ▪ ABN 96 263 788 242