

3MG GOES DUTCH

3MG's reputation as one of Europe's leading logistics hubs was reaffirmed last week when a delegation from Holland came to see the site's efficiency first hand.

Twenty-five railway professionals from 'Jonge Veranderaars' (Young Changers) visited the intermodal hub to see it in action and find out how the site manages to operate a vehicle turnaround time of just fifteen minutes compared with the industry standard of one to two hours.

Peter Lea, commercial executive from site operator O'Connor, said: "3MG is already a great example of a successful logistics hub. The site uses container tracking software, state of the art crane technology and a pre-booking system for our drivers. Other innovations include the 'hot box' lane for priority containers and an onsite marshal to assist traffic flow, both of which help us to meet such quick turnaround times."

The Dutch visit to 3MG was the final part of a four-day tour around England to explore the UK's transport system, which included a visit to the Nottingham tram system and an assessment of the privatised rail network.

3MG offers customers an efficient, cost-effective and sustainable solution for the storage and transportation of goods, using a combination of road, rail and sea freight transport.

The site originally comprised of 750,000 sq. ft. of warehousing and is currently undergoing a multi-million pound expansion, which will provide 3.5 million sq. ft. of new warehousing and create approximately 5,000 new jobs.

Although the site will continue to be developed until 2012, it already benefits from five daily rail services, with a storage capacity of 6,000 containers and high quality warehouse space available.

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