

## SYSTEMS

# Morris Port Automation sold

International Terminal Solutions Limited, a company set up by the management of Morris Port Automation, completed the purchase of the business from Savoye Logistics Limited on 24 December 2002.

Formed fifteen years ago the Morris Port Automation business became one of the leading innovators in integrated data solutions for container terminals; it has shown consistent growth with contracts completed in the UK, Hong Kong, Singapore, Ireland, Spain, the Netherlands, the USA, Indonesia and Canada.

"This move will bring the necessary focused self-determination to an exciting industry and a stable future for the Port Automation business," says Richard Lambert ITS's Managing Director. "It will allow the accelerated growth of the company allowing many more terminals to take advantage of our systems and of our fifteen years of industry specific

system development experience."

ITS has a number of current projects. In British Columbia, Canada, it is installing a Position Determination System with driver work instruction touch panels for container moves at a new intermodal yard. The system, to service Canadian and US rail traffic, includes container tracking and verification. This PDS is intended to bring a high level of security to the operation including reporting any unauthorised container grounding.

Other projects include a Radio Data transmission system expansion for ship loading/discharge and yard moves in South East Asia, and an advanced straddle carrier positioning system for a UK port which includes a "Twin lift" feature.

It has also developed a spiral container search facility for an RTG operation on the US East coast. This facility automatically and dynamically



Richard Lambert, managing director of International Terminal Solutions Ltd.

updates and presents to the operator the order of the closest moves to him. The system has reduced the keying required and has optimised the selection and implementation of the yard moves.

ITS also has several projects in the pipeline for further automation of the container data flow, by removing operator keying, and introducing fully automated container verification.

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