

## Media Release

### **CEREALS AND COTTON CONTRIBUTE TO CONTAINER TRADE RECORD IN APRIL 2010**

---

**Monday 7 June 2010**

Cereals and cotton exports from regional NSW have contributed to a record seventh consecutive month of container trade out of Port Botany.

April 2010 trade figures show exports of cereals are up 9.6% and cotton up 259.2% which has acted to offset a slight decrease in full containerised exports out of Port Botany as a result of the strong Australian dollar.

Jason McGregor, Sydney Ports Corporation's Senior Marketing Manager says that exports from regional NSW have contributed to the impressive run of container trade growth.

"April trade figures show that for the year to date, cereal exports, including wheat and barley, are up 22.3% with the majority of these exports going to Vietnam, New Zealand and Indonesia.

"For the same period cotton exports have increased 149.1% with more than 80% of this growth generated from Thailand, Indonesia and Korea," Mr McGregor said.

Mr McGregor said that this proven trade growth was being accounted for in the planning and investment in infrastructure that Sydney Ports was undertaking.

"Sydney Ports is investing in new infrastructure that will facilitate increased efficiencies in the supply chain- all of which will benefit businesses in regional NSW who are exporting out of Sydney.

"The development of a \$1 billion Third Container Terminal, once operational, will significantly boost capacity for exporters and importers.

"A new Intermodal Logistics Centre at Enfield will act as a hub for regional freight movement, and the building of the Southern Sydney Freight Line by Australian Rail Track Corporation will enable faster port access to support long-term trade growth," Mr McGregor said.

Mr McGregor said Sydney Ports was concentrating on improving the supply chain as part of its paddock to port focus which will create enormous opportunities for businesses in regional NSW.