

PRESS RELEASE**-OPENS-****BURGESS MARINE EXPANDS TO POOLE**

Burgess Marine is pleased to announce further expansion West with the opening of offices and workshops in Poole, Dorset. The company has merged the existing assets of 'RGM Welding & Fabrication' into its UK based operations. The facility, located adjacent to the docks in Poole, is ideal to support two of Burgess Marine's existing major customers Condor Ferries, and Brittany Ferries, and also affords Burgess Marine the opportunity to expand 'RGM's' own client base.

The new business unit will be headed by 'RGM's' founder Mr Rod Morley, working closely with Burgess Marine's General Manager Mr Nick Jalie. Rod comments "the move with Burgess is the next logical step. I've grown a great little business and I remain eager to both stay wholly involved, and seek further expansion. It's a really exciting opportunity".

Nick goes on to say "the synergies are fantastic. We already employ local marine fitters in Poole, so to have Rod's welding and fabrication expertise in-house is a real advantage to both our customers and ourselves alike. We'll save money on travelling time, and improve our response time - it's a win win situation. Both Weymouth and Portland represent great opportunities for our core Ship Repair expertise, and we look forward to expanding across these areas; our ethos of a 'fair days pay for a fair days work' is in line with both Rod's expectations and those of his clients. Together we look forward to a busy 2012".

Burgess Marine will continue to support the new businesses existing customers: Poole Harbour Commission, Channel Seaways, Dean & Dyball, Westminster Dredging and Poole Council. The onsite expertise encompasses stainless, aluminium and steel welding and fabrication, as well as marine mechanical engineering, and general fitting work.

Using Rod's expertise and passion Burgess Marine intends to expand 'RGM's' Street Furniture and stainless steel expertise, and potentially develop new product ranges, in new markets.

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Burgess Marine, with facilities in Dover, Portsmouth, Southampton and Poole, operates International mobile ship-care teams, and is available 24/7, 365 days of the year, and is ISO9001/2008 BSI accredited, and a DNV approved service supplier.

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