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- MEERCAT WORKBOATS SCORES A HAT-TRICK -

Meercat Workboats scores a hat-trick to coincide with the European Cup; which is more than can be said for England! The Portchester based boat builders proud to announce its moving premises, Seawork was a huge success and that they expect to benefit from the recent Brexit vote.

MC28 is 15m x 6m monohull workboat currently in build for [Briggs Marine](#) at the company's Portchester footprint. To coincide with the end of the build Meercat Workboats will be moving to Units 3a & 3b Hythe Marine Park, Shore Road, Hythe, SO45 6HE. The move is anticipated to take place in September 2016. The new site is circa 1600m², with 2 x 20T gantry cranes, an electrical workshop, and a hydraulic workshop, aluminium welding bays, dedicated stores, offices and customer parking.

Jamie Lewis comments: *"this move really is significant for us; we've been searching for a new home for 18 months and its really great news that we've found a fantastic landlord in [Oceanic Estates](#) and superb new premises. The footprint really is perfect - and we need it to deliver on our FY17 business plan and our current pipeline".*

The company is also pleased to report that they enjoyed an excellent [Seawork](#) exhibition. Having exhibited MC26, the current 15m x 6m stock boat, in water, and also exhibited ashore, the business has three interested parties in the stock boat and two entirely new, serious, prospects.

Jamie goes on to say: *"with several interested parties we really expect to conclude the transaction by the month end. This really will be a very good win for us as the boat genuinely is fantastic".*

Meercat Workboats is also looking forward to reigniting its export business based upon the recent EU Referendum. The company has built 28 boats to date, exporting 2 to Norway, 2 to the Republic of Ireland, 1 to Sweden, 2 to Saudi Arabia, 1 to Tasmania, 1 to Peru, and 1 to Australia. With exports to date totalling a third of the builds the business is best placed to maximise the potential of a lower value sterling (£).

Nicholas Warren, the CEO of [Burgess Marine](#), the parent company to Meercat Workboats comments: *"the referendum has given us a wonderful opportunity to reenergise our export business. Domestically the business is performing ahead of expectations but to open up International markets again, to coincide with the firms' relocation to better premises, is seriously opportunistic - we're genuinely excited about some very real export opportunities - this is great news for British workboat building".*

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