

CMAL CEO Moves On After Six Years at the Helm

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The Chief Executive Officer of Caledonian Maritime Assets Limited (CMAL) is moving on from his position after six years leading the organisation.

Guy Platten, who was appointed to CMAL in August 2007 at its inception, is leaving to take up a role with the UK Chamber of Shipping as CEO.

CMAL owns the ferries, ports and harbours and infrastructure for vital ferry services serving the west coast of Scotland.

During his tenure, Mr Platten oversaw the launch on the Clyde of the world's first ever sea going roll-on roll-off diesel electric passenger and vehicle hybrid ferry in December 2012, followed by the second vessel of its class in May this year. He has also commissioned a replacement £42 million ferry to serve the Stornoway to Ullapool route, alongside significant investments in harbour infrastructure at a number of ports, including Largs and Port Ellen.

Grenville Johnston, chairman at CMAL said: "The board and all the staff at CMAL would like to thank Guy for his hard work and commitment over the past six years. We are sad to see him leaving.

"Guy's contribution to the organisation has been immeasurable, leading us from our beginnings to the strong, solid position we are now in. He has led an experienced management team, who will continue to build on his work.

"We wish Guy every success and we look forward to doing business with him in his new role.

"The search for a new chief executive at CMAL will begin immediately and I am confident CMAL will continue to grow to develop and enhance the infrastructure required to serve Scotland's communities with vital ferry services."

Guy Platten said: "It has been a privilege to lead the team at CMAL and help establish the organisation as a key player in the delivery of vital, lifeline ferry and port infrastructure in Scotland. I know I leave behind a talented and highly capable group of individuals, who will continue to strengthen CMAL's role.

"I am looking forward to joining the team at the UK Chamber of Shipping. I am passionate about the contribution shipping makes to these islands, supporting thousands of skilled jobs and billions in the economy. The opportunity to lead the trade body that represents the industry to

promote and help build on this is an exciting one.”

Guy Platten will leave his position early in 2014 and will continue in his role at CMAL until then. CMAL will begin a recruitment search for a new chief executive immediately and the organisation hopes to find a replacement before Mr Platten leaves.

Notes to Editors

1. CMAL own property at piers and harbours at more than 24 locations throughout Scotland and is embarking on a programme of investment and improvements, which will create better facilities.
2. In addition to its pier and harbour facilities, CMAL own 30 ferries (with 3 under construction), which are chartered to CalMac Ferries Ltd for use on ferry services on the Clyde and Hebrides.
3. CMAL is a publicly owned company with Scottish Ministers as the sole shareholder.
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