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Bremore Port deal agreed – Kennedy

A DEAL worth €300m was reached this morning (November 8th, 2007) to provide a second deep water port on the east coast of Ireland at Bremore in Balbriggan, according to Deputy Michael Kennedy.

“The plan is to establish 24-hour state of the art integrated facility away from the congestion of Dublin Port at the existing port of Bremore. This morning officials from the Drogheda Port Company and Castle Market Holdings signed a deal to convert the existing facility into a deep water port to relieve the capacity pressures being felt at Dublin Port.”

“The Port will have 24 hour marine access with facilities to accommodate new short sea shipping services to the United Kingdom, Europe, Scandinavia and the Baltic States and passenger traffic with the port only being 25 minutes by rail from Connolly station.”

“A plan to appoint consultants to prepare a master-plan for the new port is now underway and I have been informed by the Drogheda Port Company that the port will be operational in 2012.”

“I welcome the news that a deal has been struck to provide this facility in the boundaries of Dublin North because I feel the project offers wonderful opportunities to the people of the area.”

“However, I would urge all authorities involved to ensure that the proper infrastructure is in place to divert traffic around Balbriggan directly into the port area.

“Adequate infrastructure is required to ensure that the roads in the area will be able to handle the sudden influx of vehicles using the port. These roads will need to be planned in conjunction with Fingal County Council and constructed alongside the development.

“I also re-iterate my calls for the long-planned Dublin orbital route, which will circle the M50 and link the M1 with the N2, N4 and N7. The existence of this road will mean that the added volume of traffic coming to and from Bremore will have little impact on the M50 and that the activity at the port will be properly supported and facilitated by the national road network,” concluded Deputy Kennedy.