

**GULL COMPLETES \$9 MILLION SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL UPGRADE WITH NEW OFFICE OPENING: MOUNT MANGANUI ASSET FOR NORTH ISLAND FUEL INDUSTRY**

Gull New Zealand has opened its new and long-awaited office at its Mount Maunganui fuel terminal. The office relocation concludes a programme commenced in 2017, totalling in excess \$9 million in safety and environment enhancements at Gull's key terminal.

With the basic portacom existing for twenty years, Gull's Terminal Manager Chris Toms was thrilled to finally give his six team members decent facilities that futureproof this key asset.

"I'm very proud of the improvements we've made over the last four years. The changes to expand the reliability of Gull's operation and advance safety systems, have all been implemented whilst maintaining a demanding operation of over 1,200 truck movements and around four ship discharges monthly," states Toms.

Gull's two most recent employees, Chad Osborne and Jessica O'Driscoll, cut the ribbon officially to celebrate the opening of the new facility.

With storage of around 91 million litres, the equivalent of what 60,000 average family vehicles use in a year, the Terminal is one of the three largest fuel terminals in New Zealand and has been the key asset securing Gull's supply chain for the last 23 years.

General Manager at Gull Dave Bodger says the upgrade stands the company in great stead for the next 23 years.

"While we had a great facility already, Gull now sells over three times what we did 15 years ago, so this additional investment maintains our facility as state-of-the-art and ensures this key gateway infrastructure for Gull will be resilient to meet our ongoing needs and growth."

Key pieces of the upgrade in addition to the office include new firewater tanks, upgraded fire main system for foam and water, installation of in-terminal gas detectors that will note the presence of fuel vapour, increased bund capacity, upgraded emergency shut-down systems for use in tanker discharge, improved CCTV coverage of the terminal, upgrading of internal pipework at the terminal to be fire resistant, removal of auto-fill system for service station and installation of containment for firefighting foam.

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