

# PPC assists with latest security upgrade at the Port of Brisbane



*The Port of Brisbane is Queensland's and Australia's fastest growing container port.*

Managed by the Port of Brisbane Corporation, the main port complex is located at the mouth of the Brisbane River, and is the only purpose-built, capacity-city, intermodal port complex in Australia.

With more than 2,300 ships exchanging 26 million tonnes cargo over the port's wharves every year, the Corporation recently introduced a number of new security initiatives to comply with the Federal Government's Maritime Transport and Offshore Facilities Security Act (and Regulations) 2003.

Troy Stahlhut who coordinates the Corporation's MSIC Centre, said that the introduction of a national maritime security identification card (MSIC) across all Australian ports is one of the measures that the Federal Government had introduced to increase security in the maritime industry.

An MSIC is a nationally recognised and consistent security identification card. Cardholders are cleared to enter and work in maritime security zones throughout Australia," said Mr Stahlhut.

"Having an MSIC won't entitle the cardholder automatic entry to any or all security zones, but it does show that they have successfully completed the background checking process required to enter these zones.

"The person also needs to have a genuine operational need to be in a maritime security zone and needs to follow the facility operator's standard occupational health and safety procedures when entering these zones.

"When we were initially investigating ID security card suppliers we contacted Brisbane Airport Corporation (BAC) as they had a Federal Government approved ID security card system already in place.

"As it so happened the system they were using was provided by Practical Peripherals Corporation (PPC).

"We contacted PPC and a number of other suppliers to determine which vendor's products would best suit our needs.

"As it turned out PPC offered us a competitive package on an security card printer and a dual sided laminator. Given the BAC's positive experience with PPC it was a relatively easy decision

to make in choosing PPC as our ID security card supplier," said Mr Stahlhut

The Port of Brisbane Corporation has Federal Government approval for the issuing of ID security cards.

"We've started the rollout of issuing cards and are the first issuing body in Australian to do so.

"The issuing of ID security cards will cover the Corporation's staff as well as anyone else who needs to enter and work in a maritime security zone, such as truck drivers, stevedores, electricians and the like.

"PPC's ID security card printer has proven an ideal machine to enable us to complete the security card issuing task," he said.

With the latest security features offered by the ID security card printer, the Port of Brisbane will be an even more secure facility.