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Press Release

Dublin Port Tunnel Opens to all Traffic
Sunday, 28th January, 2007

Dublin Port Tunnel will open to all traffic from Sunday 28th January 2007 at 6 a.m. Heavy goods vehicles (HGVs) and coaches over 25 seats are toll free. Tolling charges will apply to all cars, motorcycles, vans and light commercial vehicles of 3.5 tonnes and under.

Nearly 6000 Heavy Goods Vehicles are using Dublin Port Tunnel to travel between Dublin Port and the National Roads Network on a daily basis. The implementation of Dublin City Council's HGV Strategy on the 19th February banning HGV's within the cordon area, will mean an increase in the number of goods vehicles using the Port Tunnel. It will in turn make the city more accessible for pedestrians, cyclists, public transport and other motorists.

Night time closures of the tunnel between 11p.m and 5 a.m will continue for the next few weeks. This is to allow for the completion of final systems callibrations and testing.

The tolls apply to cars, taxis, motorcycles, vans and light commercial vehicles of 3.5 tonnes and under. Further tolls and safety information is available on www.dublinporttunnel.ie or Lo call 1890 25 24 35.

Northbound Toll Charges (East Wall to M50)			Southbound Toll Charges (M50 to East Wall)		
Monday to Friday	0600 — 1600	€6	Monday to Friday	0600 — 1000	€12
	1600 — 1900	€12		1000 — 2200	€6
	1900 — 2200	€6		2200 — 0600	€3
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Saturday, Sunday & Bank Holidays	0600 — 2200	€6	Saturday, Sunday & Bank Holidays	0600 — 2200	€6
	2200 — 0600	€3		2200 — 0600	€3

Ends

Additional Information:

- Approx 6,000 HGV's over 17 tonnes are currently using the €751 Million Tunnel per day.
- This figure is expected to rise with the introduction of the Dublin City Council HGV Strategy banning large trucks from Dublin city streets, which will be implemented on 19th February 2007. This means that all HGVs with 5 axles or more, exiting the Port, must use the Tunnel to access the national road network between 7AM and 7PM. However, Dublin City Council will put in place an online permit system to facilitate HGVs who must make deliveries in the city between 7am and 7pm.
- The Dublin Port Tunnel is being operated by Transroute Tunnel Operations Limited on behalf of the National Roads Authority.
- Drivers using the Dublin Port Tunnel are advised to switch on dipped headlights and keep a safe distance from the vehicle in front. The maximum speed limit inside the Tunnel is 80km/h. Further user information regarding safety, access, tolls, etc is available on www.DublinPortTunnel.ie in Irish, English, French, German, Spanish, Polish, Russian and Chinese. Or contact Transroute at lo-call telephone number 1890-252435.

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