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Dublin Port Tunnel Moves to 24 hour Operation **Monday, 5th March, 2007**

Following a period of system optimization under live traffic conditions, the Dublin Port Tunnel has now moved into a 24 hour operational mode. As and from Monday 5th March 2007 the tunnel will operate 24 hours a day each weekday.

In excess of 11,000 vehicles are now using the tunnel on weekdays. Of these approximately 8,500 are HGVs and about 2,500 are cars and other vehicles.

In line with all modern tunnels throughout the world, the Dublin Port Tunnel will require regular maintenance and servicing of its equipment and systems. In order to facilitate this work, nighttime closures will be required at weekends on an ongoing basis. These closures will take place between 11pm and 7am on Friday night/Saturday morning and Saturday night/Sunday morning. Any additional special closures will be separately announced whenever required.

Additional Information:

- Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) and coaches over 25 seats are toll free through the tunnel. Tolling charges apply to all cars, motorcycles, car vans and light commercial vehicles of 3.5 tonnes and under as follows:

Northbound Toll Charges		
Monday to Friday	0600 — 1600	€6
	1600 — 1900	€12
	1900 — 2200	€6
	2200 — 0600	€3
Saturday & Sunday	0600 — 2200	€6
	2200 — 0600	€3
Southbound Toll Charges		
Monday to Friday	0600 — 1000	€12
	1000 — 2200	€6
	2200 — 0600	€3
Saturday & Sunday	0600 — 2200	€6
	2200 — 0600	€3

- 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.