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PANALOC IN BUOYANT MOOD ENVIRONMENTALLY

Anyone concerned about the green credentials of Manchester-based Panaloc – the innovative process led offsite construction specialist – should think again. For not only is the company importing one of the world’s most sustainable and renewable sources of wood-based material, OSB4 (orientated strand board), it is doing so using a piece of Manchester’s industrial and ancestral heritage – the Manchester Ship Canal. More importantly, this form of transportation removes the equivalent of 160 truckloads from the road.

Indeed when the 3,130 tonne, 89.4-metre long cargo carrying M/V Neptun docked at Panaloc’s 35,000sq ft wharf side warehouse to offload a huge supply of OSB4 board from Germany, it was one of the first times the Manchester Ship Canal had witnessed such activity from a cargo ship of this kind in over 25 years.

Organised by The Big Ditch Shipping Co. Ltd, the cargo of compressed wood board is being used by Panaloc to manufacture revolutionary and high-quality structural components for the building and construction industry, such as wall panels, roofs, pods and ceilings. Such is the volume of the cargo of compressed wood board stowed in NV Neptun, that discharging is expected to take about two days.

As Panaloc’s Founder, Eric Dean quite rightly states: “The arrival of NV Neptun not only reflects our own success, it represents a new era for those who are looking to breathe new life into the ship canal, which has sadly been underutilised for too long.

And in addition to keeping the number of vehicles off the road, it also radically reduces the pollutants associated with road transportation.” Such is the innovative nature of Panaloc, that the company is now considering using the canal to distribute finished product from Manchester in the future.

Additionally, Eric and his team at Panaloc are pushing their sustainability cause much further by aiming to achieve zero waste at the company’s main Manchester manufacturing site of some 222,000sq ft. Indeed having recently installed its own waste processing plant, not only is Panaloc using its by-products of manufacture to fuel its own heating system, it is supplying them to a number of other outlets such as schools and hospitals within Manchester.

“We quite literally use every last piece of OSB4 that enters our production facility. That which cannot be fed back into panel making is converted into pelletised biomass fuel. Sustainability is something that we take very seriously at Panaloc and we hope that the green initiatives we already have in place reflect this,” concludes Eric.

Manchester-based Panaloc is a seamless, process led offsite construction and MMC specialist with the capability to deliver mass customised products on an unprecedented scale. The company has the technology to design and manufacture structural components in the form of wall panels, roofs, pods and ceilings, all within a strict and efficient factory controlled environment. These are universally suitable across all sectors of the construction industry, including low and high-rise housing, hotels, key worker and student accommodation, leisure, education, hospitals and healthcare, and the commercial arena.

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