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MEDIA OPPORTUNITY

END OF AN ERA AND NEW BEGINNINGS FOR DOCKLANDS

LDDC completes regeneration remit and marks start of work
on London Docklands Campus

DATE: Thursday, 26 March 1998
TIME: 1.00pm for 1.15pm
VENUE: North side of Royal Albert Dock, London E16,
entry off Beckton Park Roundabout, Royal Albert Way or via
Beckton Park DLR station (see map)

The London Docklands Development Corporation (LDDC) will mark the completion of its regeneration remit in East London on Thursday, 26 March by ceremoniously handing on its responsibilities in the Royal Docks to the London Borough of Newham and, at the same time, launching the construction of the University of East London's new £40 million London Docklands Campus - the first new campus to be built in the Capital for 50 years.

The ceremony will take place on the site of the new campus on the north side of the Royal Albert Dock where Richard Caborn MP, Minister for Regeneration, Planning and the Regions, together with Sir Michael Pickard, LDDC Chairman, Cllr Robin Wales, Leader of Newham Council, and Sir Idris Pearce, Deputy Chairman of English Partnerships, will unveil a giant poster before being invited to start construction work in a mechanical digger.

The campus, which is located opposite London City Airport and alongside a new Olympic standard rowing course currently under construction, will open initially to 3,000 students in Autumn 1999, rising to a total of 7,000 in subsequent phases.

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The ceremony will also mark the end of 17 years of regeneration activity by the LDDC in London's former port area which has attracted investment of some £9 billion (including £7.2 billion from the private sector) and has allowed this once derelict and neglected area again to play its role in maintaining London as a world class city.

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