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NEW FREIGHT ARRANGEMENTS FOR GREAT BARRIER ISLAND

Late in 2008 SeaLink purchased shares of Waiheke Island freight company Big B Cartage and has re-branded the business in the name of FreightLink. As a result of this purchase SeaLink has changed the way freight destined for Great Barrier Island is handled.

All freight to Great Barrier Island will now be delivered to FreightLink's premises at 25 Springs Road, East Tamaki. On arrival it will be loaded onto FreightLink trucks which will then be driven directly onto the Island Navigator. It is envisaged that this operation will effectively reduce offloading time at Tryphena and streamline freight handling overall.

General Manager of FreightLink, Andrew Sims commented: "we are delighted to be in a position to offer a "one-stop-shop" for freight to both Waiheke and Great Barrier Islands. This will suit companies that service both islands and will also open up new opportunities for the cross-selling of products between the islands."

Both SeaLink and FreightLink have been working hard to ensure that all freight customers are aware of the new operating arrangements. "It will take a while for irregular users of our Great Barrier freight service to find out about the new system but with the help of Gt. Barrier's business owners, we believe this will be quickly overcome" said Mr Sims. "We firmly believe that the long-term benefits of this venture will far outweigh any short-term teething problems."

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