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SA port starts strongly

South Australia's privatised port company, **Flinders Ports**, operated by Adsteam Marine and France's Groupe Egis, has steamed away to a strong start, with shipments rising 12.5 per cent to 16.68 million tonnes in its first year of operations. The port said yesterday the record SA harvest lifted 2002 grain exports 30 per cent to 6.5 million tonnes, while cement and limestone trade for Adelaide Brighton reached new highs. **Chris Milne**