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HGK Logistics and Intermodal (neska) and ZHD Stevedores agree on close cooperation for future project at the gates of the seaport of Rotterdam

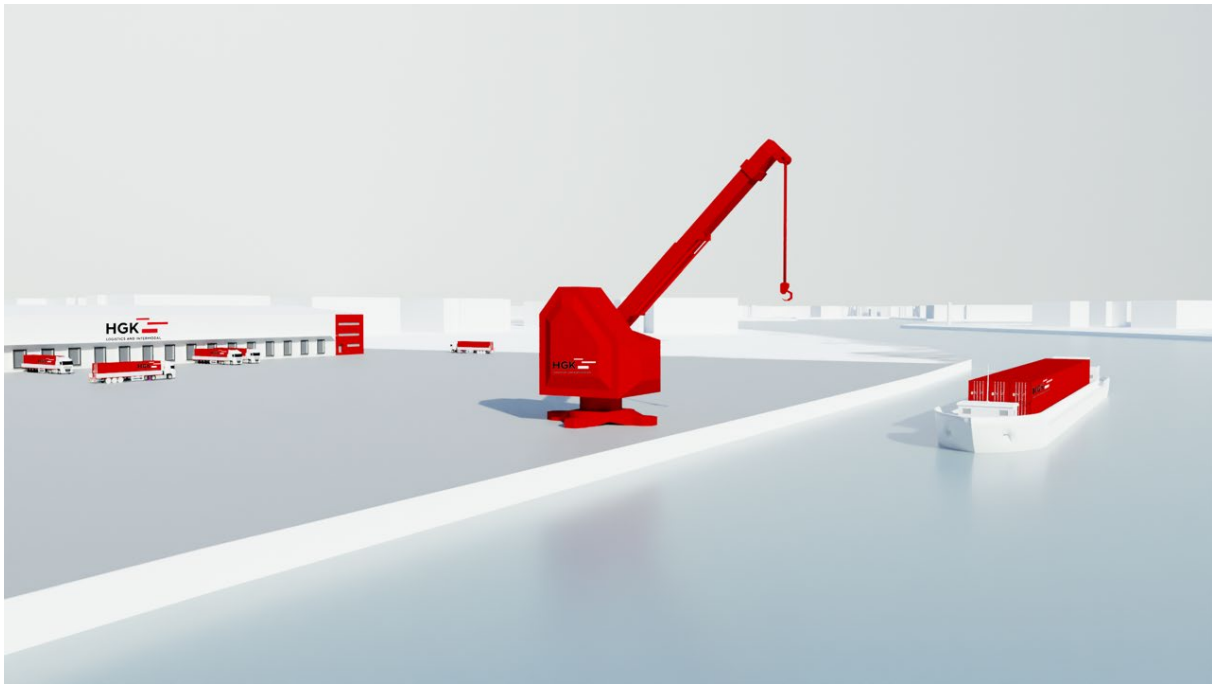
At the "transport logistic" trade fair in Munich, neska Containerline B.V., a company of HGK Logistics and Intermodal, and the Dutch handling service provider ZHD Stevedores agree to cooperate intensively on a sustainable project for the future. The partners intend to develop a logistics hub in Dordrecht, the Netherlands. This multipurpose terminal will significantly improve the quality of freight transport via the waterways to and from the North Sea coast, as it will relieve the heavily used terminals of the seaports of Antwerp and Rotterdam.

On Thursday, May 11, 2023, neska Containerline B.V. and ZHD will sign a contract for a feasibility study on this at the "transport logistic" trade fair. "I am very pleased that we are pushing ahead with the planning together. This cooperation gives us new perspectives for our existing container logistics in the European hinterland. In addition, there are opportunities in supplying the Benelux market via an integrated warehouse concept," explains Markus Krämer, CEO of HGK Logistics and Intermodal.

On the planned area of 78,000 sqm, handling, storage and transport of containers from the hinterland can be managed much more flexibly in the future. This will relieve the strain on sea terminals and waterways alike, and also ensure that freight transports can be planned more easily. "At last there is the prospect of realizing a long-cherished wish: A terminal close to the seaport off the coast opens up the possibility for us to further optimize services for our customers and increase quality," Hans Buytendijk, Director of neska Containerline B.V., is also pleased.

The site at Prins Willem Alexander Kade in Dordrecht will be built on by ZHD Stevedores and provided on a turnkey basis. "We hope that the cooperation with neska Containerline B.V. will provide us with more diversity, diversification and expansion of activities. We are attracted by the cooperation with a top expert that specializes in container logistics and maintains its own inland waterway connection to the hinterland," says ZHD Managing Director Alain Bornet, explaining the advantages.

As part of the cooperation, the two partners are now intensively exploring market opportunities and the specific design of the space.



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Graphic note: This is how the planned logistics hub in Dordrecht is to look.

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About the HGK Group:

Häfen und Güterverkehr Köln AG (HGK) is the logistics company within the Stadtwerke Köln Group. From a former port operator, HGK has developed into a Europe-wide group for integrated transport and logistics services. Structured into the five business units Logistics & Intermodal, Shipping, Rail Operations, Infrastructure & Maintenance and Real Estate, the HGK Group operates via its subsidiaries and affiliates, among other things, the largest inland port network in Germany, one of the largest private freight railroads, specialized logistics operations and terminals, as well as its own rail network and workshop operations for freight rail transport. HGK Shipping GmbH is the largest inland shipping company in Europe.

About HGK Logistics and Intermodal (neska) business unit:

The HGK Logistics and Intermodal business unit with around 850 employees stands for a wide range of modern logistics services in the Logistics, Intermodal and Transport business units. The core services of the total of 20 locations in Germany and the Netherlands include transport, transshipment and warehousing as well as comprehensive supply chain services according to customer requirements.

About ZHD Stevedores:

ZHD Stevedores is a privately owned independent Dutch company that has been providing stevedoring services since 1968. As a fourth generation family business, ZHD has over 55 years of experience in the industry. With a team of 90 employees, ZHD operates in the Rotterdam-Rijnmond region and uses both mobile and floating harbor cranes. To meet the needs of its customers, ZHD terminals are able to

work around the clock. The terminals are located in Dordrecht and the port of Moerdijk in the Netherlands. In addition, ZHD provides stevedoring services in the port of Rotterdam using floating cranes. ZHD handles approximately 9.5 million tons of more than 80 different products annually. Its comprehensive services include the handling of bulk cargo, general cargo, steel products, coils and containers, as well as the provision of open and covered storage facilities.