

### **Rhenus Bulk Terminal in Wilhelmshaven well placed to handle growing volumes of coal imports**

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**Rhenus Midgard's services for efficiently handling bulk commodities in Wilhelmshaven have now been given a new name: the label "Rhenus Bulk Terminal Wilhelmshaven" (BTW) will be used for the first time on its stand at the international Coaltrans conference in Berlin on 20 - 22 October 2013. The Rhenus Group modernized and enlarged the bulk commodities terminal, which was known in the past as the Niedersachsenbrücke jetty, during a four-year expansion phase. New records were set for unloading cargoes of coal this summer and they clearly reflect the positive developments.**

The deepening of the mooring basin in front of the terminal in Wilhelmshaven was completed at the beginning of 2012. This allows the port to handle Capesize class bulk carriers, which have a draught of as much as 18.50 metres. Rhenus has invested in additional ship unloading equipment, a more efficient conveyor belt system, fully automatic stacker/reclaimers and a high-performance train loader since 2009 in order to increase the efficiency of the long-standing bulk commodity transshipment facility, now known as Rhenus Bulk Terminal Wilhelmshaven. The space used to provide temporary storage for the huge amounts of coal has also been enlarged.

"The terminal has reached a new level as a result of these developments. We've now become one of the top European bulk commodity ports this year. Our new name will help us to clearly demonstrate the international aspect, which shapes our daily work with the vessels and the coal being imported from all over the world," Michael Appelhans, Managing Director of Rhenus Midgard, emphasises.

"We'll continue to optimise our Rhenus Bulk Terminal Wilhelmshaven and its efficiency in future too. We've taken a huge step forwards with our new equipment, which enables us to unload the large Capesize vessels in just three days," says Matthias Schrell, Managing Director of Rhenus Midgard in Wilhelmshaven, summarising the latest developments. "The 440,000 tonnes that we handled in June 2013 set a new monthly record. We were then able to

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increase this figure to 457,000 tonnes in August – the largest monthly volume ever.”

The decision by Rhenus Midgard in Wilhelmshaven to attend the 33<sup>rd</sup> Coaltrans, one of the leading exhibitions for the global coal business, and have its own stand for the first time for a decade reflects this positive development. “We want to present the potential that we now have at Rhenus Bulk Terminal Wilhelmshaven to all the major players in the international coal markets in great detail and we’re already looking forward to the discussions that we’ll have in the German capital,” says Michael Appelhans, with a keen sense of anticipation in the run-up to the event. “The terminal facilities are designed to handle up to 10 million tonnes of coal per annum in the long term. We want to use this potential for our future business development in the interests of our customers.”

### **About Rhenus**

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