



Press release

## Andernach success story continues

Duisburg – 27/05/2010 – Since the start in February 2000, the Andernach container terminal has been continuously expanding. The cooperation, based on mutual trust, between the Andernach Stadtwerke and H&S Container Line (member of SNCB Logistics) guarantees this success.

Since the beginning of this cooperation, the customer, trust and service have come first for port manager Bernd Lenz and H&S Container Line CEO Heiko Brückner. In 2009, more than 76,000 TEUs were transhipped via de terminal.

Thanks to the investment of over 18 million euros that has now been made available for the expansion of the port and the construction of a new productive terminal for combined traffic, resulting in a terminal with tri-modal accessibility and the latest equipment and IT, a further step into the next era will be taken in Andernach.

The new terminal for combined traffic has a surface area of 42,000 m<sup>2</sup>, a storage capacity of 4,000 TEUs and 750 m rails. A modern 50 ton container bridge and three powerful reachstackers with a load capacity of 45 ton complete the modern infrastructure. Both managers are dedicated to create a sequel to their success story via a long-term joint strategy.

With three sailings per week to Rotterdam and Antwerp, Andernach is adapted to the most modern freight tonnage in the transport network of H&S Container Line. Moreover, the terminal is connected to the main service on the Upper Rhine, the 'Blue Arrow Line'. To our customers, the vicinity of the terminal in Andernach is an important cornerstone with a view to 'green logistics', the reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and the optimisation of their business processes.

Bernd Lenz: 'With H&S Container Line we have found a partner with a strong commitment and an optimal network. I am convinced that more joint projects with this group will follow for the location in Andernach and that the amount of goods will continue to evolve positively.'

Heiko Brückner: 'For H&S Container Line the Andernach container terminal is an important terminal in the network of the Inter Ferry Boats nv Group, something we will continue to develop as a group. The Andernach Stadtwerke will be a reliable partner for us for many years.'

### About H&S Container Line

H&S Container Line (member of SNCB Logistics) specialises in container transport via inland navigation, but it also offers a complete, around-the-clock service and organises all preceding and subsequent road and rail traffic. With its economical and flexible regular services H&S Container Line serves the complete rail route along the Rhine from Antwerp or Rotterdam. Besides a range of standard services, H&S Container Line also offers individual solutions, completely in line with the concept of One Stop Shopping. HS Container Line currently has 40 people at 6 European locations. Its vehicle fleet comprises more than 15 vehicles. For more information see [www.hs-containerline.com](http://www.hs-containerline.com)

### About the Andernach department of public works

The largest department in the traffic sector is the port of the Rhine. In this sector 35 people are employed. Historically, the port of Andernach has grown into one of the main transshipment ports of the middle course of the Rhine. Thanks to the large storage spaces that can be offered in the vicinity of the new port without danger of flooding, the port of Andernach is considered a safe transshipment location especially for high-quality goods. The range of transshipment equipment can satisfy all possible customer needs, ranging from mixed cargo or bulk goods to container transshipment. Due to its excellent price-quality ratio and customers' awareness of the fact that the service provided is always of superior quality, the port of Andernach has a very good reputation in the minds of many. For more information see [www.stadtwerke-andernach.de/](http://www.stadtwerke-andernach.de/)

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