



Press Release

Port of Rotterdam Authority
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LOCATION CONTAINER TRANSFERIUM FINAL

The town of Alblasterdam – east of Rotterdam – will get a Container Transferium (CT). The founding agreement was signed on Monday June 29 between the Dutch Transport Ministry and the Port of Rotterdam Authority (PoRA). The 'Binnenlandse Container Terminals Nederland' (BCTN) will operate the terminal. Total costs for acquiring the land, a special berthing area and the superstructure are estimated €38 million. It is planned to open by the end of 2011.

Reduction

Within three years the transferium should draw 200,000 TEU from the road to water. This equals some ten percent of the number of container trucks on the A15 motorway. Trucks deliver to and collect at Alblasterdam and the distance of approximately 50 kilometres with the Maasvlakte is bridged by inland vessels. The final destination and origin of the boxes will usually not be far from the CT. It is the first time the port authority stimulates such a concept. It should keep the transport times at least constant at tariffs that appeal to the market.

Partners

The PoRA buys the land and plans and pays for the water related infrastructure. It leases this infrastructure of the 6.5 hectare large site to the operator BCTN. Besides that the port authority and APL, APM Terminals, ECT, Evergreen, Hapag-Lloyd, Maersk Line, MOL and Rotterdam World Gateway signed a 'Letter of Support' to endorse the principle of the CT and to support the concept. BCTN already operates terminals in Nijmegen (in the east of the Netherlands), Den Bosch (south), Wanssum (southeast) and Hengelo (northeast). The transferia fits into the policy of the Dutch government and the PoRA to promote transport by rail and water and to shift containers from road to the other modes of transport in order to diminish the number of trucks in the road.

There is an artist impression (3Mb) available upon request. For a sample:
<http://www.portofrotterdam.com/nl/home/> (Home page Dutch section).

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The aim of the Port of Rotterdam Authority is to enhance the port of Rotterdam's competitive position as a logistics hub and world-class industrial complex. Not only in terms of size, but also quality. The core tasks of the Port Authority are to develop, manage and run the port in a sustainable way and to maintain a speedy and safe service for shipping.

Facts and figures for the Port Authority and the port of Rotterdam:

Port Authority: 1,200 employees, turnover approx. € 450 million. www.portofrotterdam.com

Port area: approx. 10,500 ha (5,000 ha of which commercial sites, 3,500 ha water and 2,000 ha rail lines, roads, service corridors and greenery). The length of the port area is approx. 40 km.

Direct employment: over 70,000 jobs. **Goods throughput:** over 400 million tonnes of goods per annum. **Shipping:** approx. 34,000 ocean-going vessels and 133,000 inland vessels per annum.



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