

Container handling volumes remain at record levels

Duisburg, 16 July 2018 - During the first six months of 2018, the volume of containers handled by Duisburger Hafen AG (duisport) amounted to 2.01 million TEU. This means that the record level from the previous year was maintained. Container handling, which accounts for approximately 54 percent of total handling volume and continues to rise, is the most important goods segment of the duisport Group.

On the other hand, at 32.6 million tonnes, total handling volumes declined by 6 percent during the first six months of this year. This result is entirely due to the decrease in coal handling. "This trend will continue as older power plants are shut down in the course of the energy transformation," says duisport Chief Executive Officer Erich Staake.

However, duisport expects to see additional growth particularly from the China business. At this time, more than 30 trains already travel between duisport and various destinations in China every week. Recently, duisport and the 30-million inhabitant metropolis Chongqing, one of China's major logistics hubs, agreed to cooperate in joint projects as part of the "Belt & Road" initiative. As a result, the travel times for the freight trains (currently 12-13 days) are to be reduced even further.

Staake: "eCommerce and the China business will be the relevant revenue drivers in the future. These aspects are also the focus of our investment strategy in Duisburg, along the Silk Road corridor and in China itself. "

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