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Press Release

Erich Staake to join the Logistics Hall of Fame

CEO of Hafen Duisburg AG will be admitted to the international Logistics Hall of Fame as “modernizer of inland port logistics”.

Ceremonial reception on December 5, 2019 at the Federal Ministry of Transport in Berlin.

The “Logistics Leader of the Year 2019” award, presented for the first time, goes to the CEO of Hamburger Hafen und Logistik AG, Angela Titzrath.



Download (Click on picture) On December 5, he will be admitted to the Logistics Hall of Fame as a new member: Erich Staake, CEO of Hafen Duisburg AG. She is honoured as “Logistics Leader of the Year”: Angela Titzrath, CEO of HHLA. (Photos: Hafen Duisburg AG/Frank Reinhold; HHLA/Thies Rätzke)

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Ismaning near Munich, September 12, 2019. The new member of the Logistics Hall of Fame is Erich Staake. The Chairman of the Executive Board of Duisburger Hafen AG was elected as “modernizer of inland port logistics” among 30 candidates from nine nations to the international Logistics Hall of Fame.

“Erich Staake is the man behind the ‘wonder of Duisburg’. With his logport concept, he has achieved a task of the century in logistics in less than 20 years by transforming Duisburg's regional port into a leading logistics hub in Europe. He has not only set a logistical milestone, but has also given Duisburg

a new perspective,” says Anita Würmser, managing chairwoman of the Logistics Hall of Fame jury, explaining the decision of the jury, which includes 70 well-known personalities from business, science, politics and the media in 13 nations.

Erich Staake can claim to have led inland port logistics into a new era. On the basis of his logport concept he reinvented the Port of Duisburg as a multimodal logistics location and turned it into the largest inland port in Europe and an international benchmark. According to the jury the manager has not only significantly developed logistics itself, but also impressively demonstrated how logistics strengthens the economic power and quality of life of an entire region. A total of 50,000 jobs, 7,000 directly in the port, have been created over the past 20 years.

Staake is the 35th member among the most deserving logistics managers in the world. The 65-year-old manager from the Ruhr region will be officially inducted on December 5 on the occasion of the annual Logistics Hall of Fame reception in the Erich-Klausener-Saal at the Federal Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure in Berlin.

Angela Titzrath is Logistics Leader of the Year

The Logistics Leader of the Year award will be presented for the first time at the reception. It goes to Angela Titzrath, CEO of Hamburger Hafen und Logistik AG (HHLA). The manager is honoured as a “change maker” who has led the terminal operator HHLA to economic and sustainable success with innovative ideas, courage and stamina within a short period of time. The 53-year-old manager has occupied new business fields and is using future technologies to develop the digitization of the Port of Hamburg.

With this award the organisation identifies the clock-setters of logistics. The award honours managers who have made a particularly successful contribution to their companies or set a trend-setting impulse. The focus is on topicality and the benefits for the company.

The decisive factor for admission to the Logistics Hall of Fame, on the other hand, is that an achievement is not only advantageous for an individual company, but that it has significantly and permanently advanced logistics beyond the boundaries of one’s own organisation or has become an industry standard. So far 35 logisticians have made it into the international hall of fame.

The Logistics Hall of Fame is accessible free of charge at www.logisticsshalloffame.net and offers information and pictures about the logistical milestones and their creators.

Background to Erich Staake

Erich Staake was born on October 9, 1953 in Hildesheim. The business graduate worked as a manager at Preussag, the Philipp Holzmann construction group, Wella and Bertelsmann. There he built up the private TV channel RTL, among other things, as managing director. Since 1999 he has been Chairman of the Executive Board of Duisburger Hafen AG (duisport) and Chairman of the Management Boards of several subsidiaries as well as Honorary Consul in Belgium.

Between autumn 1998 and spring 1999 the manager started a new era on the 265-hectare site of the disused Krupp steel mill in Duisburg-Rheinhausen. His concept of redeveloping the industrial wasteland and establishing it as a multimodal logistics location became concrete with the opening of logport Logistic-Center Duisburg GmbH in 1998. The task of this company was to transform the newly acquired Krupp site into a logistics area, named “logport 1”. The success story on 371 football pitches

began. The fact that logport 1 had already been fully marketed in 2012, eight years earlier than planned, exceeded all expectations. This was followed by the development of logport 2 to 6 and of Mercator Island.

With a handling volume of around four million container units the former bulk port is today Europe's largest inland port. 20,000 ships and more than 25,000 trains call at the port every year. Every week, the Duisport Group operates 400 combined transport connections to over 80 destinations in Europe and Asia. Around 300 companies have settled in the port area and with 50,000 direct and indirect jobs created, 17,000 of them for the city of Duisburg alone, the logport concept is one of the greatest successes of structural change in the Ruhr area.

Erich Staake was instrumental in bringing about this exemplary success. The networker has made the port an international benchmark for modern inland port logistics through intensive cooperation between business, politics and science, combined with thinking in value chains. He recognised the potential of the booming contract logistics sector early and specialised in value-added services. He transformed the traditional port administration into a logistics location of superlatives with the best multimodal transport connections to the back country and to the seaports of Europe, adding own rail services, container handling facilities and a wide range of services from labour recruitment to facility management and packaging. Today managers from all over the world travel to Duisburg to find out more about the concept.

In addition, Staake focuses on innovation and sustainability: The mastermind opened a 3D printing center in the port in 2018. Together with the logisticians at the location he is driving concepts to shift more than 100,000 truck trips from road to rail and inland waterway each year, or to develop solar panels for electrically powered transport systems in order to use up to ten million square meters of facade and roof space in the Port of Duisburg to generate energy. With "startport" he has also created a highly regarded innovation platform for young founders in industry and logistics. For many years Staake has also been doing pioneering work for the expansion of the new Silk Road, officially known as the "Belt-and-Road" initiative. It stretches over land for around 11,000 kilometers between Duisburg with its 500,000 inhabitants and the metropolis of Chongqing in central China with more than 30 million inhabitants.

Background to Angela Titzrath

When the supervisory board of HHLA brought Angela Titzrath to the helm of the terminal operator on January 1, 2017, the committee emphasized that the former Daimler and Deutsche Post manager was a "strong leader" and had a "pronounced ability to change". According to the jury, the 53-year-old successfully developed the company's core business and identified new business areas. HHLA is now the engine of digital change in the port.

At the beginning of 2019, Titzrath presented positive business figures for 2018: Group sales grew by 3.1 percent to 1.29 billion euros. At 204 million euros, operating profit exceeded the previous year's result by almost 18 percent. Around 43 million euros were given to HHLA's majority shareholder, the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg. This is about 20 percent more than in the previous year. For the first half of 2019, the company recently reported an increase in sales of 9.6 percent and a 14.4 percent increase in consolidated operating profit (EBIT). Since Titzrath took over the management of the company, the HHLA share price has risen significantly and the company value has risen by around 300 million euros.

In future, the Essen-born manager intends to develop HHLA into a digital hub along the transportation flows of the future. Titzrath is therefore committed to ensuring that industrial technologies of the future are located in open spaces in the port of Hamburg. HHLA itself has already launched several digital projects. For example, the company is cooperating with truck manufacturer MAN in the field of intuitive mobility. They are working together on solutions so that autonomous trucks can drive on the HHLA terminal facilities.

Titzrath attracted international attention when she announced a joint venture between HHLA and the American company Hyperloop Transportation Technologies. The aim was to develop a transshipment station in the Port of Hamburg that would allow sea containers to enter the Hyperloop tube system. The innovative transport technology will help to make the transport infrastructure around the port more environmentally friendly. The innovation agenda of HHLA also includes drone technology and additive manufacturing.

The supervisory board of HHLA paid tribute to the achievements of the CEO and extended her contracts by five years until October 1, 2024. The manager magazine ranks Titzrath among the 100 most influential business women in Germany.

Background: The Logistics Hall of Fame honours international figures who have made outstanding efforts to promote the further development of logistics and supply chain management. The aim of the Logistics Hall of Fame is to document the milestones of logistics as a global platform and to honour its creators in order to underline the importance of logistics for the economy and society. The non-profit initiative is supported by politicians, associations, the media, business and science. The patron is Andreas Scheuer, Federal Minister of Transport and Digital Infrastructure (BMVI) in Germany.

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