

## duisport receives former Federal President

# Horst Köhler visits the Port of Duisburg

**Duisburg, 10 January 2020** - Horst Köhler, who was the ninth President of the Federal Republic of Germany, visited the Port of Duisburg today. He informed himself of the further development of the successful structural transformation based on the logport concept, as well as current duisport projects. The visit also included start-up accelerator startport, which focuses on the latest industry trends in the logistics sector.

Horst Köhler was received by duisport Chief Executive Officer Erich Staake, with Board members Professor Thomas Schlipköther and Markus Bangen also in attendance.

The visit started at logport I, where Staake initially discussed the unique success story of Duisburg-Rheinhausen: From industrial brownfields to one of the leading logistics locations in Europe.

The former premises of the Krupp steelworks in Rheinhausen have given way to a booming logistics park that is home to approximately 50 companies and more than 5,000 employees over an area of 265 hectares. Directly or indirectly, the Port of Duisburg employs over 47,000 people and is therefore one of the major employers in the Rhine-Ruhr region.

The second station of the port visit was duisport subsidiary startport in the Werhahnmühle in the Duisburg interior port. Launched two years ago, startport has become a platform of innovative ideas for the logistics industry, which has attracted international attention.

Köhler already visited the Port of Duisburg in 2006, as part of an invitation to Duisburg that was extended by the Agentur für Arbeit.

In 2009, the city welcomed the diplomatic corps of the Federal Republic of Germany. It was during this visit that Horst Köhler informed himself of the logistics location Duisburg during a ship tour with former Lord Mayor Adolf Sauerland and duisport Chief Executive Officer Erich Staake.

“We were pleased to personally welcome former President Horst Köhler to the Port of Duisburg for the third time. His visit

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and interest in the progress of the logport concept reflect the esteem for Duisburg and the entire Rhine-Ruhr region,” explains Staake.

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