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## Susanne Kluthe becomes Head of Human Resources at HGK Shipping GmbH

**Susanne Kluthe (51) takes over the position of Head of Human Resources at HGK Shipping GmbH with effect from 1 December 2021. She assumes responsibility for all the general personnel activities in the national organisations in Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium, France and Luxembourg in this central position. Her regular place of work will be Duisburg.**

As a result of this development, HGK Shipping is gearing its personnel strategy even further to the upcoming challenges in the field of human resources. In addition to the process of demographic change and the increasing shortage of specialist workers, they particularly involve the ongoing introduction of “green work”, i.e. promoting an environmentally conscious work setting, as well as adapting situations for “future work” – i.e. creating all the conditions for the working world of the future.

“Susanne Kluthe has the necessary experience to be able to fundamentally organise this process. She’ll support us to ensure that we remain an attractive and successful employer and line up our company and our national organisations for the future,” says Steffen Bauer, CEO of HGK Shipping.

Susanne Kluthe has held various managerial positions at well-known companies such as DB AG during her professional career and she most recently worked at DB Engineering & Consulting GmbH in Duisburg. She was responsible for the company’s strategic and operational personnel management in the western region in her role there as a member of the regional management team and Head of HR Business Partners. Susanne Kluthe gained a degree in law from the University of Trier and completed her 2<sup>nd</sup> German state law exams at the Higher Regional Court in Düsseldorf.

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**About the HGK Group:**

Häfen und Güterverkehr Köln AG (HGK) is the logistics company in the “Stadtwerke Köln Konzern” (City of Cologne Public Utilities Group). Formerly a port operator, HGK has developed into a European-wide group for integrated transport and logistics services. Divided into the five business areas, Logistics & Intermodal, Shipping, Rail Operations, Infrastructure & Maintenance and Real Estate, the HGK Group operates the largest inland port network in Germany, one of the largest private freight railways, specialist logistics companies and terminals as well as its own rail network and workshops for freight transport operations through its subsidiaries and associated companies. HGK Shipping GmbH is the largest inland waterway shipping company in Europe.

**About the HGK Shipping division:**

HGK Shipping is part of Häfen und Güterverkehr Köln AG. The fleet comprises about 300 of its own vessels and chartered ships. The spectrum of goods transported ranges from liquid chemical products and liquefied gases to dry goods and even break bulk cargo.