

Press Release



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NVG Managing Director Uwe Öhlmann retires

Cologne / Hanover. After spending six years at the head of the HGK Shipping subsidiary, “Niedersächsische Verfrachtungsgesellschaft” (NVG), Uwe Öhlmann is now taking retirement. Co-Managing Director, Florian Bleikamp, will continue to be in charge of the company and actively press ahead with developing it. He is being supported by Andreas Lemme in the management team with effect from 1 January 2022.

Steffen Bauer, CEO der HGK Shipping, comments, “Uwe Öhlmann has played a significant role in developing NVG during the last few years. We’d like to thank him for his successful work and his services to the company. At the same time, I’m delighted by the strong line-up that we have in the form of Florian Bleikamp and Andreas Lemme. I wish both of them every success and I’m sure that NVG will continue to meet the requirements of industry under their leadership in its usual flexible manner.”

Andreas Lemme is a proven expert in the inland waterway shipping sector. He has already held management positions in dry shipping since 2017, initially at Imperial Shipping Services and then at HGK Dry Shipping GmbH – the corporate sector within the Group, of which NVG is also a part.

NVG schedules a fleet of seven shipping company vessels, two of them push-barge formations, as well as twelve privately owned/chartered vessels. They transport approx. two million tonnes of freight every year, mainly along the western German canals, but also in the river Rhine area to the ARA ports and as far as Hamburg. The goods transported include animal feed, building materials and project loads such as wind turbines. The mining and aluminium industry is another major focus for freight operations. The services provided not only include inland waterway shipping operations, but also handling and storage as well as pick-up and final deliveries in the combined transport sector.

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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 Europe-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.