

## HWG Newsletter 08/2015

### In action from coast to coast

#### Interview with Hans-Werner Monsees, Head of Central Command for Maritime Emergencies



**Mr Monsees, which challenges did you encounter during the rescue mission of the „Purple Beach“ and how did you master them?**

During the “Purple Beach” operation, the Central Command for Maritime Emergencies maintained the overall responsibility for 18 days, since we are

Germany’s maritime management organization for major incidents at sea. One factor of mastering such incidents that cannot be influenced is the weather, which often makes the planned measures a little, if not a lot more difficult. In addition, during the “Purple Beach” rescue mission, we saw a very dynamic development of the operation, which stretched the team to the limit – as with any on-board fire – when it came to the parallel and time-sensitive decisions and measures that needed to be initiated. But these special missions are exactly why the Central Command for Maritime Emergencies was founded and has specialized and trained relief forces in the span of a decade.

**How many missions of this kind and magnitude has the Central Command for Maritime Emergencies experienced since it was founded in 2003?**

Since 2003, the Central Command for Maritime Emergencies has managed 60 so-called complex emergency situations.

## What makes Cuxhaven the ideal location for the base of the Central Command for Maritime Emergencies?

The Central Command for Maritime Emergencies is responsible for the emergency management along the entire coast, which means from the Dutch to the Polish border in the North and Baltic Sea. In this respect, a base location on the coast is sensible in order to do our work effectively. In essence, the important things are the technical parameters as well as being able to focus our competences at one location. Only then, we can fulfil our mission.

## Siemens settlement: Cuxhaven lands multimillion Euro investment

### Task forces begin work for development of the investment project



The good news arrived at the beginning of the month: Siemens has chosen Cuxhaven as the location for its new offshore wind turbine production site. Lord mayor Dr Ulrich Getsch declared: "This is a marvellous success and a far-reaching perspective for Cuxhaven – all those involved, who have been working towards this settlement for years, are immensely happy."

Political and business leaders, as well as the general public congratulated the news, which once again demonstrated Cuxhaven's significance and quality as an offshore base. Meanwhile, Siemens announced that the new production plant would be used to assemble offshore turbines of the new 7-megawatt class. Production is to start in 2017 and 1000 new jobs will be created. The site for the 200 million Euro project is located on a 17 hectare expanse between Groden and Altenbruch, with direct access to the almost completed heavy duty RoRo-platform at berth 9.3 as well as being connected by port internal heavy duty roads to all other sea terminals.

The existing port infrastructure of Cuxhaven was what had made the difference in the end and had qualified and distinguished the location from its competitors. During the signing

ceremony at berth 9 on 13 August, Lower Saxon Minister of Economic Affairs Olaf Lies said: “Siemens is bringing a fresh breeze to the coast of Lower Saxony, to Cuxhaven, an area with proven expertise in wind power. This is no coincidence! I am particularly glad to see the offshore wind industry’s effect as an amplifier for the job market in northern Germany. We’ve always believed in the offshore wind industry, and have worked intensively to support it.”



In 2014, Siemens delivered more than 80 percent of offshore turbines currently online in Europe. In order to continue to meet the wind industry’s demands, the group is also currently building a production plant in the British town of Hull, which will start producing rotor blades in 2017. Markus Tacke, CEO of Siemens Windpower and Renewables Division, summarised: “Today marks the

conclusion of a lengthy planning phase, but it is also the beginning of an exciting new chapter. We are confident that our business will continue to grow, and additional capacity is essential. We invest where we see opportunities for growth, and we see Germany and Northern Europe as dynamic growth markets.”

In the next step towards the realisation of the project, the HWG member Agentur für Wirtschaftsförderung Cuxhaven (AfW) will form a multi-agency task force under the supervision of Dr Hans-Joachim Stietzel. A second joined task force of AfW, the Employment Agency, the Jobcentre and the vocational schools of Cuxhaven will develop measures to ensure the supply of an adequate workforce for the project.

The reclaimed site, on which the plant is to be built, will be compressed at the start of September. The contract negotiations and development concerning the site are handled by the Cuxhavener Hafentwicklungsgesellschaft. The responsibility and management of the port infrastructure development belong to NPorts, who will finish the construction of the port facility by 2017.

## Ferry connection between Cuxhaven and Brunsbuettel has started operation

### Shipping company Elb-Link registers surprisingly high ticket sales on first operational weekend



On 19 August 2015, the ferry service between Cuxhaven and Brunsbuettel, operated by the Reederei Elb-Link GmbH, was inaugurated. The two Estonian double-ended ferries, which had until recently been in operation between the main land and the Estonian islands

Saaremaa and Hiiumaa, were christened in Cuxhaven and Brunsbuettel. "Grete" was christened in Cuxhaven by godparent Daniela Behrens, State Secretary at the Lower Saxony Ministry of Economic Affairs, and "Anne-Marie" was christened in Brunsbuettel by godparent Maja Martens, employee at "Stiftung Mensch".

The transport ministers of Schleswig-Holstein and Lower Saxony, Reinhard Meyer and Olaf Lies (both SPD) also attended the inauguration. Minister Olaf Lies emphasised: „The revival of the ferry service is a good day for Northern Germany. With it, the SPD-Green party coalition government in Lower Saxony is realising another project from the coalition contract. Together with the state government of Schleswig-Holstein, with institutions and businesses from both cities and of course with the ferry operator Elb-Link, we can put this project into operation. The ferry is not only an opportunity for passenger traffic – it is also a big step for the cargo traffic.”

In his address, HWG chairman Hans-Peter Zint congratulated the shipping company on the quick implementation of the project and reported that he was already recording initial interest from the shippers in this alternative transport route.

The two ferries can each carry 600 passengers as well as 160 cars or 52 cars and 16 trucks. For the new service, existing RoRo-jetties were adapted in Cuxhaven and Brunsbuettel. In Cuxhaven, this was carried out by HWG member Niedersachsen Ports (NPorts), who invested

a total of 2.1 million Euros. After the shipping company started the regular operation on 20 August at 5 am, the ships will depart every two hours in the first month, with a total of twelve trips a day from both sides of the Elbe. After that, the departures will be every 90 minutes. A third ferry is to support the service next year.

A similar ferry service was last run from 1999 to 2001. Elb-Link has a positive outlook for the future of the new ferry service: “We are happy to be able to announce that the ticket sales during the first days have exceeded our expectations by far,” as the company wrote on their Facebook page only three days after the start of the ferry service.

## **HWG introduces her members: CSK Cuxhavener Schiffahrtskontor GmbH & Co. KG**



### **Profile**

Company name:	CSK Cuxhavener Schiffahrtskontor GmbH & Co. KG
Year founded:	1970
Industry:	shipping company / shipping and port agency
Locations:	Cuxhaven and Bremerhaven
Portfolio:	shipping agency, logistics services, offshore, vessel insurance, chartering

## Interview with Managing Director Andreas Möller



### **Question 1 – How would you describe your company?**

24/7/365!

Complete services of a shipping and port agency from one source.

A highly motivated and efficient team.

### **Question 2 – Why are you a member of the HWG?**

The Port Business Community in Cuxhaven represents the port location even outside the city limits and provides a strong network for the members' shared interests. In addition, it provides a great platform to exchange experiences.

### **Question 3 – What are your personal wishes for your company?**

To continue to grow with the location and to keep enjoying our work.

Further information about the company: [www.csk-shipping.de](http://www.csk-shipping.de)

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