

Port Logistics Business Area: Port and Transport Logistics from One Provider

Ports are becoming increasingly important as logistics hubs as a result of the growing internationalization of trade flows. Port Logistics is the specialist business area within the Rhenus Group for planning, managing and operating efficient supply chains. The company has its own capacity at seaports and in the hinterland at various locations across Europe and also has interfaces with rail services.

Rhenus is the full service provider for transporting, transshipping and storing mass goods, large quantities of bulk goods, heavy items and plant as well as rolling cargo, e.g. automobiles. Rhenus is able to offer tailor-made complete solutions and is also responsible for a wide range of additional services – e.g. packaging or handling customs formalities. This means that customers obtain an individual, complete overall program to meet their purchasing and distribution requirements.

Ports

Seaports are one of the important line of business for Rhenus Port Logistics. Rhenus has its own storage and transshipment facilities for mass goods and bulk goods at the Northern German seaports and Rotterdam. Rhenus also has local port agencies in France, Belgium, Poland, Slovenia, Romania and Bulgaria.

In addition, Rhenus has numerous inland waterway business sites in Germany, Austria, Switzerland, France, Luxembourg, Poland and Romania. They link the waterways with the road and rail services so that Rhenus can guarantee that deliveries of mass and bulk goods will be safe and on time.

Intermodal Solutions

Rhenus uses some inland waterway ports as hubs for container logistics. Rhenus is a “one stop shop” and can provide complete solutions for container traffic between the seaports and the hinterland using its own terminals and transport lines. Rhenus operates a dense network of container terminals in Germany, the Benelux countries, France and Switzerland.

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Transport

Rhenus' transport services provide the link between seaports, inland waterway ports and customers. The company deliberately exploits the strengths of various modes of transport. The business area uses the economic and ecological advantages of Short Sea Shipping within Europe. Some of the rail connections at the port are provided by Rhenus' own rail system. Rhenus supplies major markets in Germany, the Benelux countries, France, Poland, Austria, Hungary, Bulgaria and Romania using inland waterway services. The company has its own fleet and this is complemented by vessels from subcontractors. In this way Rhenus can provide suitable and effective transport solutions that cover every stage of the journey.

Sector Solutions

Modern port logistics demands a detailed knowledge of particular sectors and products. So Rhenus focuses on the following product groups in this business area: agricultural products, coal, minerals and building materials, paper, wood, project consignments, steel and nonferrous metals.

Coal logistics is one example: Rhenus is one of the leading companies in this sector in Germany and moves several million tons of coke and coal per annum. Rhenus provides complete service packages for customers, which are primarily power stations: This includes transshipment and storage at the seaport and transporting the goods inland. Rhenus is able to sift, dry, grind and mix the raw material and also disposes of the waste products created by the combustion process; it purifies waste gases and handles the works logistics at the power station.

Another example offshore logistics: Offshore wind power is one of the major ways of tackling climate change in Germany and Europe and changing the focus of energy supplies. However, this complex and challenging market sector will only be able to fulfil its potential for providing grid stability if tailor-made logistics solutions are available. Our purpose-designed logistics concepts for offshore wind power offer our customers the necessary solutions for an innovative industry that is still in its infancy.

About Rhenus

The Rhenus Group is one of the leading logistics specialists with global business operations and annual turnover amounting to EUR 5.4 billion. 33,500 employees work at 820 business sites and develop innovative solutions along the complete supply chain. Whether providing transport, warehousing, customs clearance or value-added services, the family business pools its operations in various business units where the needs of customers are the major focus at all times.

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