

## Cuxport increases Tonnage by a Third

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**The Cuxport multi-purpose terminal is building on previous success stories. The largest port operator in Cuxhaven achieved an increase of more than 32.6 percent during the first quarter of 2010. The rise in tonnage came mainly from project- and steel cargo, forest products as well as from the increased handling of new cars.**

The well used transshipment and logistics center for RoRo freight, automobile logistics and steel handled 375,665 tons of freight during the first three months of this year. This represents a growth of 32.6 percent in comparison with the same period in the previous year. The amount of break bulk tonnage on roll trailers almost doubled during this time. They are mainly used in multimodal transport chains in order to ship paper, steel or similar products.

The import and export of automobiles also accounted for a major share of this growth. The increase here was 85.2 percent – and Great Britain is the largest trading partner. Overall, almost 60,000 new cars used the RoRo loading ramps at Cuxport from January to March. And the company is expecting further growth in this sector as a result of expanding its service portfolio.

“Since March we have been distributing approx. 11,000 Opel Astra vehicles for General Motors directly to the dealer. From the reactions in the market, we can say that the interest in our activities has increased markedly as a result,” Hans-Peter Zint, Cuxport Managing Director, explains.

Business was also brisk for the port operator in the steel import sector – some of this steel was destined for the local manufacturers of offshore wind power components.

Overall, imports rose by 58.4 percent. Exports increased by 25.3 percent at the same time. But such a dynamic business development is nothing new to Cuxport. During the recent past the company has deliberately expanded its terminal and activities to create a modern automobile logistics hub. And today the port is also developing into a specialist facility for the offshore wind energy sector. The unique heavy load platform for the handling of bulky project loads is not the only factor worth mentioning in this connection. As an offshore base port the operator also provides the necessary space and equipment for storage and pre-assembly of the huge machine parts involved. And in line with

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its outstanding geographical location near the planned offshore wind parks, Cuxport also provides suitable port capacity that can be used for offshore service and maintenance operations. Cuxport is therefore expecting further growth in this sector too.

**Cuxport GmbH operates a multi-functional transshipment terminal at the deepwater port of Cuxhaven. Cuxport not only provides comprehensive RoRo transshipment facilities, but also an ideal geographical location for all kinds of sea shipments and the best possible links to destinations further inland. The company is a joint venture, where Rhenus AG & Co. KG has a 74.9 percent holding and HHLA Container Terminals GmbH a 25.1 percent stake.**

**The Rhenus Group has annual turnover totaling EUR 2.7 billion and is one of Europe's leading logistics services providers. Rhenus employs 16,300 people at more than 290 business locations. Hamburger Hafen und Logistik AG (HHLA) is one of the leading port logistics companies at North Sea ports.**

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