

Press-Release

## Newest DFDS TOR Line vessel in operation on the Cuxport route

### State-of-the-art vessel with greater capacity in the liner service Cuxhaven - Immingham

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A new vessel joined the "ElbeBridge" liner service between Immingham and Cuxport in Cuxhaven. The newest and most modern vessel of the liner shipping operator DFDS TOR Line, "TOR Hafnia", first touched at Cuxport's Europakai early on Tuesday morning, September the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

"TOR Hafnia" takes the place of its predecessor "TOR Belgia", which was built in 1978, with immediate effect. The new ship boasts 3,248 lane metres which means 30% more capacity than "TOR Belgia". Within the framework of a little ceremony, Cuxport's Managing Director Heinrich Ahlers presented the captain of "TOR Hafnia" with a ship's clock as a welcome gift. Ahlers: "This is an important step for Cuxport with a view to a greater cargo capacity. With this new vessel, the shipping operator DFDS TOR LINE is emphasising the importance of the ElbeBridge liner service and providing evidence of its major interest in extending the cooperation with Cuxport."

TOR Hafnia will initially touch at Cuxport three times per week and will primarily be shipping trailers, cars and wheeled cargo. Now that "TOR Hafnia" is in operation, the frequency of liner services to Cuxhaven is increased to five to six times per week.

#### About Cuxport

The deep-water terminals of the Cuxhaven port operator, **Cuxport**, are situated in a strategic location ideal for international transport routes: directly on the busy Elbe Estuary, close to the Kiel Canal and not far from the Weser Estuary. The hinterland links via the A27 highway, the rail link with the Maschen Marshalling Yard and access to the European inland waterway network are also excellent. With four berths at the Europe Quay multipurpose handling facility, one more at the neighbouring Steubenhöft RoRo terminal, as well as water depths up to 15.8 metres and over 280,000 sqm of paved area, **Cuxport** serves a network of RoRo liner services and offers optimum conditions for the transshipment of numerous types of goods. This is complemented by LoLo services for containers, forestry products and project cargoes, as well as storage and logistic solutions.

More than 220,000 new vehicles produced by a large number of well-known manufacturers are shipped to England and Scandinavia each year, with the numbers rising. The Cuxport Terminal is called at on a daily basis by RoRo liner services operated by DFDS Tor Line, "K" Line (KESS) and Mann Lines, as well as for containers from Samskip HF. The route network covers Great Britain, Russia, Scandinavia, the Baltic States and as far as Iceland. Cuxport is involved at the international level as a member of the Eurocoast Network Association (ENA), an EU "Motorways of the Sea" project to promote short-sea transport between Cuxhaven and El Ferrol/Galicia/Spain.

The shareholders of Cuxport GmbH are Rhenus AG & Co. KG, based in Holzwickede near Dortmund, with 74.9 percent and HHLA Container Terminals GmbH with 25.1 percent.

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