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# OPTIMISATION OF WILHELMINAHAVEN DORDRECHT INLAND SEAPORT

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Dordrecht Inland Seaport is the most landward sea port in the Netherlands. Thanks to its unique situation on the intersection of foreland and hinterland and good water depths, Dordrecht's port area is easily accessed by sea-going and inland vessels alike. Moreover, the area has excellent road and freight rail connections. Over the past few years, the Port of Rotterdam Authority and local businesses have made substantial investments in the port. The public space in the port area has been rejuvenated and upgraded. In addition, numerous existing firms have expanded their locations and the number of businesses established in the port has increased substantially. Over the past few years, throughput rose by more than 1 million tonnes. All in all, this has made Dordrecht Inland Seaport a highly attractive port for maritime manufacturing, logistics and bulk handling.

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### FUTURE-PROOF

Over the next few years, the Port Authority will focus on the further development of a complete, dynamic and future-proof port. A port that can satisfy the growing demand for bulk handling capacity and waterfront sites. A port that takes optimal and efficient advantage of the available space. Where safety is the number one priority – for all users.

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To meet growing demand and ensure that the port is future-proof, plans for the coming period also include the further optimisation of the Wilhelminahaven basin. The Port of Rotterdam Authority



will be investing over EUR 3.5 million in the replacement of mooring buoys, the renovation of the jetty and dolphins and a section for push barges. Together, these projects will increase handling capacity, take optimal advantage of the available nautical space and improve safety conditions for all users.

### INCREASED HANDLING CAPACITY

The current mooring buoys at Wilhelminahaven have become outdated. They will be replaced by five new, certified mooring buoys with a maximum tensile strength of 200 tonnes. The new buoy configuration will increase the port's board-board handling capacity as well as make it possible for larger vessels to put through a higher volume of cargo simultaneously. The new buoy berth was designed with a sharp eye for future requirements.

### SAFE & EFFICIENT USE

The top priority in Dordrecht is to ensure safe use of the port. That is why the next few months will also see the overhaul and partial replacement of Wilhelminahaven's jetties for sea and inland shipping. Both the 300-metre walkway jetty and the dolphins will be given a substantial upgrade. In addition, the port basin will gain a new mooring facility for push barges, in the shape of a dedicated barge section. This section provides sufficient mooring room for the six to eight push barges required for board-board handling at the mooring buoys in Wilhelminahaven. The development of a barge section will create a more orderly lay-out in Wilhelminahaven, promote the safe use of the port basin and take optimal advantage of the nautical space. In addition, the project will result in optimised nautical access to the Kilkade 7 site.

### PORT OF ROTTERDAM AUTHORITY

The objective of the Port of Rotterdam Authority is to enhance the port's competitive position as a logistics hub and world-class industrial complex. Not only in terms of size, but also with regard to quality. The Port Authority is therefore leading the transition to sustainable energy and it is committed to digitalisation in order to make the port, and the supply chain, more efficient. The core tasks of the Port Authority are to develop, manage and exploit the port in a sustainable way and to deliver speedy and safe services for shipping.

### CONTACT

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