

# The strategic port for your steel business



Port of  
Rotterdam

## Rotterdam, your world-class port

As Europe's major port, Rotterdam combines unrivalled access by sea with a multitude of modern facilities, a wide choice of logistics service providers and excellent connections with the hinterland. The port business community and the Port of Rotterdam Authority are continually investing to create new facilities, transport opportunities and space. The new rail link with Germany - the Betuweroute - and the construction of the new Maasvlakte 2 port area are just two examples of projects which also offer plenty of opportunities for the steel industry.

### **STRONG STEEL CLUSTER**

In the port of Rotterdam, scores of companies provide perfect solutions for every aspect of steel logistics. The services on offer range from cargo handling, storage and distribution to value-added services. Quality, reliability and flexibility are always paramount. The many steel terminals together offer 10.5 kilometres of quayside and over 500,000 m<sup>2</sup> of covered storage capacity.

Rotterdam recently acquired a covered terminal for loading and discharging vessels of up to 9000 tonnes dwt. This state-

of-the-art, all-weather terminal provides ideal conditions for handling steel. On Maasvlakte 1, there is a deepsea steel terminal with excellent RoRo connections to England and Scandinavia.

### **CONTINUING GROWTH**

On the Hartel Canal, virtually directly on the North Sea, Rotterdam is building a large new steel terminal. This purpose-designed terminal will be able to handle more than five million tonnes of steel products a year and accommodate the world's biggest steel carriers. The terminal is due to commission at

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the end of 2009 and is designed, among other things, to handle steel slabs (a semi-manufactured steel product) from Brazil.

## UNRIVALLED CONNECTIONS

For the transportation of steel, access to Rotterdam by both sea and land is unrivalled. Ships can reach their moorings during the day or night, without having to negotiate locks or deal with any other obstacles. Thanks to the location close to the North Sea, sailing times to all terminals are extremely short. Rotterdam is also a safe port.

Another unique advantage of Rotterdam is the port's strategic location at the mouth of Europe's river network. Freight barges carry the steel efficiently and cheaply deep into Belgium, Germany, Luxembourg, France, Switzerland, Austria and beyond. Or vice versa of course.

Rail is also an attractive transport option. Definitely since the Betuweroute opened in 2007. This unique, dedicated freight railway links Rotterdam directly with the Ruhr in Germany and connects up here to the rest of the European rail network. All of the steel terminals have a rail link. This means that the steel industry has wonderful opportunities for transporting its products and materials efficiently.

## ADVANTAGES OF SCALE

The scale and diversity of the port is a plus in itself. Rotterdam is a prominent hub in many international sea routes and for many liner services. This gives you the freedom to make the smartest and most cost-effective choice every time. For ex-

ample by varying the way you transport your steel - as breakbulk or in containers - according to current market conditions and prices. Or by transporting steel and project cargo on the same ship. The wide choice of hinterland connections also provides you with total flexibility in your logistics.

Port of Rotterdam Authority: working together towards world class The Port of Rotterdam Authority is the proactive manager of the port complex. Together with our clients, our ambition is to create the best possible conditions for providing sustainable logistics services in the steel sector.

You can always approach our Business desk Breakbulk with all your questions about the steel specialists active in the port, the many options available in Rotterdam for fast and efficient hinterland transport, et cetera. With all their combined knowledge and experience, plus our extensive network in and outside the port, we are always pleased to help you further along your way.

## PORT OF ROTTERDAM AUTHORITY

The aim of the Port of Rotterdam Authority is to enhance the port of Rotterdam's competitive position as a logistics hub and world-class industrial complex. Not only in terms of size, but also quality.

The core tasks of the Port Authority are to develop, manage and run the port in a sustainable way and to maintain a speedy and safe service for shipping.

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