Given the growing import dependency of the EU industry, logistics play an increasingly important role. The port of Rotterdam is the European gateway for minerals and construction materials. With a volume of almost 13 million tons, Rotterdam has a market-share of 24 percent for all overseas imports and exports in Western Europe. The port is an important link in the logistics chain from producer to end-user and is of key importance for the competition position of many industrial companies.

**HANDLING & STORAGE**

The specialized terminals and facilities meet all the ever-higher demands of end-users requiring extra value-added services. Minerals handled in the port are for example mineral sands, ores, concentrates, magnesite and ferro-alloys. But also sand, gravel and salt. The Rotterdam port always offers the right cost efficient and time-saving solutions for transhipment, contamination free covered and open storage, screening, blending and repackaging. Available complementary port services include inspection, verification, testing, and certification services for trade transactions.

**DEVELOPMENT**

The Port of Rotterdam has a stable share of around 22% in this volatile market of minerals. The port expects throughput to grow bij 1,3% p/a until 2020.
Minerals and construction materials

EXCELLENT CONNECTIONS
The accessibility of Rotterdam is unrivalled. Unhampered by locks or tides, various deep waterside terminals guarantee safe berth for sea-going vessels, both for deep-sea and coastal trade. The port also has excellent hinterland connections. From Rotterdam every location in Europe is accessible in no time at all. A major advantage of the port is its location at the mouth of the major European inland waterways. Transhipment of minerals and construction materials by barge is efficient, cost-effective and environmentally friendly. In addition, rail facilities like the dedicated freight railway Betuwe Route connect Rotterdam to the German rail network and further.

SHIP-TO-SHIP FACILITIES
Besides land based terminals, the port of Rotterdam has a large amount of buoys and dolphins available for the ship-to-ship transhipment of dry bulk cargo. The utilisation of these public facilities is managed by the Port of Rotterdam Authority. Floating equipment and transhipment services are provided by a number of private companies. The available water depth of the buoys and dolphins varies from about 11.65 m up to 23.65 m.

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 a sustainable and successful raw material cluster.

You can always approach our Business desk Dry Bulk with all your questions about the mineral business in the port. With all the combined knowledge and experience, plus our extensive network in and outside the port, we are always pleased to help you further along your way.

USP'S PORT OF ROTTERDAM
• Wide variety of transhipment, storage and processing facilities.
• Board / board transhipment possibilities.
• Unlimited deep-sea access for all types of vessels.
• Short turnaround times.
• Excellent hinterland connections (truck, train and barge).
• Ideal transhipment port for further shortsea distribution.

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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