EUROPEAN GATEWAY FOR DRY BULK

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is destined for the major players in Europe’s most prominent industrial centers. Rotterdam is a vital link in their logistics chain.

Transhipment, storage and services
The port accommodates a wide variety of independent transhipment companies, thus always assuring customers accessibility to the right ratio between price and quality. Add to this the dedication of highly trained port personnel, and the choice is not hard to make.

Rotterdam always offers a customized solution:
• Transhipment at one of the modern terminals
• Large-scale storage capacity including covered storage facilities
• Value added services such as screening, grinding, crushing, blending and packing
• A large amount of buoys and dolphins for ship-to-ship transfer

It’s all available, right in the port, including financial services, cargo inspections and logistics services.

Excellent accessibility
One of Rotterdam’s strongest points is its excellent accessibility for sea-going vessels and its unprecedented possibilities for the efficient and cost-effective transport of large quantities of dry bulk to European locations further inland. Through the Euro Channel, large bulk carriers with draft up to 23 meters can reach the port under any condition. Even bulk carriers up to 400,000 tonnes DWT can be accommodated in certain parts of the port. The port is not restricted by means of locks or tides.

In terms of moving dry bulk to destinations in the hinterland the customer can benefit from the port’s location at the estuary of the Rhine and Meuse rivers. A single inland push-barge can transport 15,000 tonnes of iron ore, coal or other dry bulk in a single trip to and from locations far inside the European hinterland up to the Black Sea. Not only inland shipping, but also shortsea, trucks and railroads are attractive alternatives for European distribution.

Last but not least, Rotterdam is connected to the German rail network via the only European dedicated freight railway line, called the Betuwe Route. This railway line offers a direct link to the European rail network.
Ship-to-ship facilities
Besides land based terminals, the port of Rotterdam has a wide variety of buoys and dolphins available for ship-to-ship transfers of dry bulk cargo. The utilisation of these public facilities, located in Calandkanaal, Botlek, Waalhaven and Maasvlakte 2, 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 approximately 9.65 meters up to 23.65 meters.

USP’s Port of Rotterdam
- Wide variety of transhipment, storage and processing facilities
- Unlimited deep-sea access for all types of vessels
- Short turnaround times
- Ship-to-ship transfer possibilities
- Excellent hinterland connections
- Ideal transhipment port for shortsea distribution.