

Press Release

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A change in management at BeKa HGK GmbH

Duisburg / Kehl am Rhein. Monique Hezel-Reyntjens will be taking her well-deserved retirement from 31 December 2023 onwards after holding positions of responsibility in what is now known as BeKa HGK GmbH for almost 42 years. Her parents, Franz Josef and Corrie Becker, had founded the dry shipping company in 1982. Monique Hezel-Reyntjens has played a significant role in the success story at BeKa HGK; she worked in the chartering section from the outset and in the course of time became a shareholder and has been its managing director up to now. She will be succeeded by Florian Bleikamp (34), who will take over the position of Managing Director of BeKa HGK GmbH in conjunction with his work as Head of Chartering at HGK Dry Shipping GmbH. Pascal Rodius (56) will manage the operating business. He has had many decades of experience in the sector and has already been closely associated with the team at BeKa HGK for a year in his position as an authorised signatory.

“From the bottom of my heart, I’d like to thank my team and all our customers, owner operators and all those involved, who have worked alongside me for many years. And not least my husband, Patrick, who was a crucial element in our team for eleven years,” says Monique Hezel-Reyntjens. “Through transferring all the company shares to HGK Shipping one year ago, we’ve been able to secure the future viability of BeKa and therefore its continuation in the long term. I’ve been able to experience this for myself, particularly during the last twelve months of the transition period; and I’m genuinely delighted by what’s taking place. I wish Florian Bleikamp, Pascal Rodius and the whole BeKa HGK team all the very best and a great deal of success!”

“Monique Hezel-Reyntjens has put her heart and mind into making BeKa what it is today. We’d like to thank her for her many years of partner-like cooperation. Thanks to her experience, her knowledge and her standing in the sector, we’ve been able to further develop the company together in a successful way,” says Steffen Bauer, the CEO of HGK Shipping GmbH. He adds, “We’ll continue to pursue this course with Florian Bleikamp as the new managing director, Pascal Rodius as the operating manager and the experienced team in Kehl. As a result, BeKa HGK will enjoy further growth through cooperating with the HGK Shipping network in many different ways.”

BeKa HGK, which has been functioning as a fully-owned subsidiary of HGK Shipping since 2022, transports approximately 500,000 tonnes of goods along inland waterways in Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium, France, Austria and Hungary every year. BeKa HGK is assigned to the Dry Shipping division within HGK Shipping. The company particularly transport fertilisers and agricultural products along the shipping routes in the regions close to the rivers Upper Rhine, Danube and Mosel. In addition to chartering inland waterway vessels, the services that it offers include transshipment and warehousing as well as pick-up and final delivery operations for combined traffic. The company has its headquarters in Kehl on the river Rhine.

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About the HGK Group:

Häfen und Güterverkehr Köln AG (HGK) is the logistics company within the City of Cologne's public utilities group. Formerly just a port operator, HGK has developed into a group that provides integrated transport and logistics services with operations across Europe. Structured in five divisions, Logistics & Intermodal, Shipping, Rail Operations, Infrastructure & Maintenance and Real Estate, the HGK Group operates the largest inland waterway port network in Germany, one of the largest private railway companies for transporting cargo, specialist logistics firms and terminals as well as its own railway network and workshops for railway goods traffic through its subsidiaries and holding companies. HGK Shipping GmbH is the largest inland waterway shipping company in Europe.

About the HGK Shipping division:

HGK Shipping is part of Häfen und Güterverkehr Köln AG. Its fleet comprises about 350 vessels, including owner-operated ships. The spectrum of goods transported ranges from liquid chemical products and liquefied gases to dry goods and even break-bulk cargo.

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(from left to right) Pascal Rodius, Monique Hezel-Reyntjens, Florian Bleikamp. Copyright: HGK Shipping GmbH