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Analysis of seaport-hinterland traffic volumes

(Hamburg, 17 October 2013) GOMULTIMODAL, the Hamburg consultancy, was at INTERMODAL Europe to present the results of its research into trends in hinterland traffic volumes from seaports in the ZARA zone and the North Sea ports of Bremerhaven and Hamburg. Speaking to an expert audience, Gerard Oswald, managing director of GOMULTIMODAL, using comprehensive traffic-structure data from 2010 and 2011 and forecasts up to 2030, analyzed traffic volumes and traffic flows in the North German area and adjoining German states and provinces in the Netherlands. The research had been commissioned by JadeWeserPort Logistics Zone GmbH & Co. KG, Wilhelmshaven.

The principal aim of the analysis was to identify the potential for shifting the carriage of container traffic, currently transported by HGV, thus straining – both now and in the future – the road infrastructure of Lower Saxony. A general sketch plan demonstrated how, by using environmentally friendly combined transport by rail and road, the volume of traffic on the roads could be reduced. Given the volumes forecast, priority should be given to the development of rail transport in the area between JadeWeserPort and Osnabrück.

Thus, to take Osnabrück as an example, a shift of traffic from road to rail, in addition to removing stress from the road infrastructure, would lead to a measurable reduction in CO₂ emissions of about 12,000 to a year.

Andreas Bullwinkel, managing director of JadeWeserPort Logistics Zone, commented on the results of the analysis as follows: "These results will provide an essential basis when developing a plan for rail links using combined transport, both for seaport-hinterland traffic and for intermodal road transport." Gerhard Oswald added: "Through our work we wish to achieve a shift from road to more environmentally friendly options, viz. rail and short-sea transport."

GOMULTIMODAL is a specialist consultant for national and international combined transport and seaport-hinterland transport in Europe. The consultancy is intended for providers and users, political institutions, associations and public bodies. Its range of services includes consulting, personnel management, and company representation.

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