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LNG, transport fuel from 2013

At least 50 inland vessels, 50 ocean- going vessels and 500 trucks running on Liquefied Natural Gas or LNG: it can be reality in 2015.



The use of LNG as a transport fuel has positive effects on the environment and health, because its combustion produces significantly less particulate matter and other emissions. The use of LNG is also quieter. Moreover, it boosts the good economic position of our country in the field of gas and reduces our dependence on oil.

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'We spend more money than we get in'

It is scarcely a year ago that Paul Smits left telecommunications company KPN to become Chief Financial Officer at the Port of Rotterdam Authority. Last week, he put his signature to a € 250 million credit facility from the European Investment Bank EIB.

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Shell invests in cleaner production once again

Mayor of Rotterdam Ahmed Aboutaleb has opened the sixth desulphurisation plant, HDS-6, at the Shell complex in Pernis.



This considerably expands the capacity for deeper desulphurisation of diesel and domestic fuel in accordance with the most recent European environmental specifications. The investment of approximately 400 million euros contributes to the position of Pernis as one of Shell's most important refinery complexes in the world.

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Train scan beats Sir Chris Hoy

The 'Rapiscan' container scan in the Port of Rotterdam enables trains to run through, with a speed of 60 kilometers per hour. This is twice as fast as the older scans in other ports. The scan even beats Sir Chris Hoy's world record and Olympic record of 1.00,71 in Athens 2004, on the 1 km. time trial.

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New centre for project cargo

The Port of Rotterdam Authority and the Broekman Group intend renovating and redesigning the eastern section of the RDM site in the Waalhaven.



This will involve the drastic renewal and considerable expansion of the current 'Heavy Lift Centre' for the storage and handling of heavy and bulky freight from the energy and offshore industry sector, project cargo. The Port Authority is investing more than €15 million in the project.

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APM Terminals orders mega cranes

Cargotec will supply eight Kalmar super quay cranes and two Kalmar barge quay cranes to the APM Terminals Maasvlakte II expansion project. The cranes have an outreach of 25 containers, are semi automated and have twin lift and tandem lift capability. A Dutch financial daily estimates the investments in the cranes to amount to some €125 million, 25% of total investments which include some €125 million for stacking cranes and smaller terminal equipment and €100 million for buildings and terminal pavement.

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1st Dutch shore- based power connection for ocean shipping

Wednesday 13 June 2012, the Dutch Minister Melanie Schultz van Haegen activated the first shore- based power connection for sea- going vessels in Rotterdam at the Stena Line terminal.



The company's ferries now obtain their electricity from the mainland and no longer have to run their engines to generate power. This investment will improve the air quality considerably in the immediate vicinity of the terminal. Stena Line will use the facility for four vessels.

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New: Rotterdam Port Tube

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The Port of Rotterdam brings you more news related movies on our website. Introducing Rotterdam Port Tube with movies related to news or press releases and three times a year an overview of happenings in the Port of Rotterdam.

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Maritime juridical top training starts

The first juridical master course in the Netherlands, 'Maritime and Transport Law', will start in September.



This training is an initiative of Prof. dr. Frank Smeele. The course is given in English at the Erasmus School of Law in Rotterdam. It has subjects like 'Law of the Ship', 'Carriage of Goods', 'Maritime Casualties', 'Charter Parties & Bills of Lading', 'Law of the Sea' and 'Maritime Insurance'.

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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.

Facts and figures for the Port Authority and the Port of Rotterdam:

Port Authority: 1,200 employees, turnover approx. € 500 million. www.portofrotterdam.com

Port area: approx. 26,000 acres (12,500 acres of which commercial sites, 13,500 acres water and rail lines, roads and pipeline zones). The port will be extended by Maasvlakte 2 with 20%. The length of the port area is approx. 40 km.

Direct employment: over 90,000 jobs.

Goods throughput: 434 million tonnes of goods a year.

Shipping: approx. 34,000 ocean-going vessels and 100,000 inland vessels per annum.