

## Press Release

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### **REEDEREI NSB IS THE ONLY GERMAN SHIPPING COMPANY CERTIFIED FOR ECDIS BASIC QUALIFICATION**

The Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency (BSH) has certified NSBacademy, the training and education institute of REEDEREI NSB, to offer training in the basic qualification at the Electronic Chart Display and Information System (ECDIS). REEDEREI NSB is the only German shipping company offering ECDIS basic qualification training for internal and external staff.

The approval takes place with retroactive effect from January 1, 2012, so that all trainings given since that date meet the requirements concerning basic qualification of captains and nautical officers. REEDEREI NSB has started to prepare seafaring personnel for training and working with ECDIS early. "With the recently ensued certification through the BSH we extend the good training portfolio of NSBacademy. We as a shipping company combine theory and practice in using the system and offer added value to our own personnel as well as nautical officers of other shipping companies", says Henning Scharringhausen, head of NSBacademy in Buxtehude.

The navigational information system ECDIS combines hydrographic charts, positioning systems and other information necessary for a safe ship management. The compulsory refitting with ECDIS is carried out progressively until July 1, 2018, for specific vessels.

#### About REEDEREI NSB:

NSB Niederelbe Schifffahrtsgesellschaft mbH & Co. KG (REEDEREI NSB) is one of the leading container shipping companies in the world. With a fleet of 85 vessels, the company which was founded in 1982 provides quality "Made in Germany". Apart from the ship management of container ships, tankers and offshore jack-up vessels, REEDEREI NSB is supervising newbuildings and is active in crewing of both its own ships as well as vessels of other parties.

At its own NSBacademy, which employs a modern Ship Handling-Simulator, employees from ashore and seafarers are trained and educated on a regular basis. In its headquarters in Buxtehude and its branches in the United States, Korea and Singapore, REEDEREI NSB employs approximately 250 men and women and 3,000 seafarers.

#### **Key data of REEDEREI NSB**

TDW overall:	5,181,109
TEU capacity:	378,270
Fleet size:	85 ships
NSB employees	
At sea:	approx. 3,000
On shore:	approx. 250

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