

Press Release

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SMOKE IN CARGO HOLD 2 OF HANJIN ATHENS WHILE LYING IN THE ROADS IN SUEZ CANAL

The German flagged container vessel HANJIN ATHENS was lying in the roads during its passage of the Suez Canal when smoke emitting from cargo hold 2 was detected on May 6, 2014 at 6.00am (German time). The emission of smoke was successfully stopped by pumping CO2 into the cargo hold. The crew of the vessel is complete and unharmed.

HANJIN ATHENS had left Singapore on April 22, 2014, and was on its way to Naples where it was expected on May 10, 2014, when an alarm indicated smoke in cargo hold 2. The Suez Canal Fire Brigade and all responsible authorities were immediately informed. The emission of smoke was successfully stopped by using CO2 gas from the vessel's own firefighting system.

The crew consisting of 21 seafarers from Europe and the Philippines is well.

HANJIN ATHENS is posing no threat for the environment.

In close coordination with the authorities HANJIN ATHENS will remain in the roads in the Suez Canal until the causes for the smoke emission have been investigated.

Technical data for MS HANJIN ATHENS can be found at www.reederei-nsb.com.

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 72 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 200 men and women and 2,700 seafarers.

Key data of REEDEREI NSB

TDW overall:	4,071,193
TEU capacity:	350,470
Fleet size:	72 ships
NSB employees at sea:	approx. 2,700
on shore:	approx. 200

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