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CARGO HOLD 2 FIRE OF HANJIN ATHENS EXTINGUISHED IN THE ROADS OFF SUEZ CANAL

The containers in cargo hold 2 of the German flagged vessel HANJIN ATHENS which caught fire due to hitherto unknown reasons were extinguished last night while lying in the roads off Suez Canal. On Thursday afternoon the decision was made to flood the cargo hold up to the level of the source of the fire to prevent its spread.

After multiple injections of CO2 to cargo hold 2 failed to ultimately extinguish the fire since its inception on Tuesday of this week, the respective cargo hold was flooded up to a height of 8.70m. With this, the fire was extinguished and no smoke emission can be detected.

The next step now aims at refilling the CO2 system and – once it is fully functional again – to obtain the necessary permission to pass the Suez Canal. Subsequently, HANJIN ATHENS will proceed to Port Said, the next scheduled port of destination.

The crew consisting of 21 seafarers from Europe and the Philippines is well. HANJIN ATHENS was not posing a threat for the environment at any time.

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

About REEDEREI NSB:

NSB Niederelbe Schiffahrtsgesellschaft 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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