

# Press release

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## REEDEREI NSB sets up new management team

**The Buxtehude company has successfully completed its reorientation from a ship managing company to an internationally present maritime service provider and at the same time put a change in the management into effect. As from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019, Helmut Ponath, NSB's Chief Executive Officer (CEO), passes his management tasks as CEO on to his son Tim Ponath. Markus Thewes and Dirk Kleinekampmann will complete the team.**

Buxtehude – In 1985 NSB Niederelbe Schifffahrtsgesellschaft mbH & Co. KG obtained its independence. Helmut Ponath led the company from originally two ship units to one of the largest German ship managers. In 2015 he started the restructuring of the company together with Tim Ponath, the brand NSB GROUP was established. At the same time a far-reaching internationalization began with new branch offices amongst others in Sri Lanka, China and lastly in Indonesia.

With effect from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019, REEDEREI NSB completes the initiated generation change in the management team. In the course of this, Helmut Ponath passes his tasks as CEO on to his son Tim Ponath, who, in addition to his present responsibility as Chief Operating Officer (COO) will become spokesman of the management. Furthermore, Markus Thewes and Dirk Kleinekampmann will be appointed as Chief Commercial Officer (CCO) and Chief Financial Officer (CFO) respectively. Markus Thewes will lead the business areas with commercial focus, like marketing and sales, public image and project planning. As CFO, Dirk Kleinekampmann will especially be responsible for the areas financial engineering, project finance and automation. Both Markus Thewes and Dirk Kleinekampmann have been employed at REEDEREI NSB for many years, Markus Thewes most recently as Head of Global Sales and Dirk Kleinekampmann as Head of Finance and Accounting.

“During the past four years, REEDEREI NSB broke new ground to position itself in a market which is subject to continuous change. In order to be able to make use of the chances of this change, we broadened NSB's business activities considerably and thereby created valuable connections to new maritime business sectors”, explains Tim Ponath, Managing Director of NSB.

As one of NSB's shareholders, Helmut Ponath will remain at the entire company's disposal in an advisory capacity.

**About NSB GROUP:**

The origin of NSB GROUP is the German REEDEREI NSB, which was founded in 1982 and currently manages 50 ships at its Buxtehude site. Since 2015, the brand NSB GROUP has comprised the Asia Marine subsidiaries in Shanghai, Busan, Jakarta, Manila and Colombo as well as the subsidiaries NSB Marine Solutions, NSB Crewing Solutions, NSB Claim Solutions, NSBacademy and Continental Chartering. The group manages a fleet of 81 ships. The portfolio of the company group comprises beside the classic ship management the areas newbuilding and conversion, technical services, in-house training academy, s & p brokerage & commercial management, insurance service as well as crew & corporate travel. The companies of NSB GROUP are located at eleven sites worldwide. In total, they employ more than 250 people onshore and about 2,000 seafarers from more than twelve nations.

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