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More cargo and more passengers at the Rostock port

The Rostock ports recorded a total cargo volume of 28.2 million tonnes (gross) in 2007. This represents an increase of five percent over 2006's results. Cargo moved through the Rostock Seaport accounted for 26.5 million tonnes of this figure, while the Chemicals Port, Cargo and Fisheries Port and other port facilities recorded a combined total cargo volume of 1.7 million tonnes.

Rostock Seaport

The Rostock Seaport is Mecklenburg Vorpommern's main transshipment center for cargo of all types. Rostock's port industry was able to surpass the previous year's results and record an increase in cargo throughput of 1.3 million tonnes (up 5 percent) over 2006's figures. The gross cargo volume of 26.5 million tonnes marks a new record high. "The cargo throughput results for 2007 are mixed", commented Ulrich Bauermeister, Managing Director of Hafen-Entwicklungsgesellschaft Rostock. "Increases were recorded in the handling of ferry, liquid and general cargoes; however, less bulk cargo and Ro-Ro cargo was handled than in 2006."

Ferry cargo throughput again accounted for the lion's share of the total cargo volume, and increased 1.2 million tonnes to a total of 15.1 million tonnes in 2007, up 9% from the previous year. Ro-Ro cargo throughput fell by 160,000 tonnes to a total of 1.28 million tonnes, largely attributable to the closure of the Ro-Ro line from Rostock to Uusikaupunki, Finland in January 2007. This line alone accounted for 388,000 tonnes of cargo in 2006. "Rostock's figures for rolling cargo could have been better in 2007; however, due to seaside capacity shortfalls, the full potential was not able to be tapped", remarked Ulrich Bauermeister.

The largest increase, in terms of percentage, was seen in liquid cargo, up 36 percent (1.05 million tonnes) over the previous year's figures. 3.95 million tonnes were moved through the oil port, of which particular increases were seen in crude and heating oil.

Bulk cargo handling was down 15% or 930,000 tonnes from 2006's figures to a total volume of five million tonnes in 2007. This decrease was most noticeable in the handling of wheat and rye.

In contrast, increases were seen in general cargo throughput; a total of 1.1 million tonnes, up 6 % from the previous year, was moved in 2007. Cranes and wind turbine generators produced by Liebherr and Nordex in Rostock accounted for the largest share of this figure.

A total of 2.4 million ferry passengers, 100,000 more than in 2006, were carried on the ferry connections from and to Gedser, Denmark, Trelleborg, Sweden, Helsinki, Finland and Tallin, Estonia, as well as Ventspils, Latvia.

Rostock was visited by 25 different cruise ships a total of 92 times in 2007, with a total passenger volume* of 115,000. Rostock was, along with Kiel, among the top German cruise ports in 2007. *(*In Rostock, only cruise passengers are counted and not port users, as is the case at other German ports. Therefore, a passenger is only counted one time which corresponds to the actual passenger capacity of the individual cruise ships.)*

Exactly 8307 ferry, Ro-Ro, cargo and cruise ships were cleared at the Rostock Seaport and Warnemünde in 2007. Ferries accounted for 5856 of this total and cargo ships for 2086.

Additional increases in rolling cargo

Rolling cargo – ferry and Ro-Ro cargo – accounted for 62 percent of the total cargo volume at the Seaport last year. A total of 16.4 million tonnes of rolling cargo were moved through the seaport in 2007, up 1.1 million tonnes from 2006.

The number of accompanied units carried in ferry and Ro-Ro traffic increased from 403,000 in 2006 to 440,535 in 2007. However, the number of unaccompanied units, trailers and swap trailers fell from 118,375 in 2006 to 109,468 in 2007. This decrease is largely attributable to the closure of the Ro-Ro line from Rostock to Uusikaupunki in January 2007. The number of railway cars carried by ship increased from 16,438 to 23,174.

At the terminal for intermodal traffic, a total of 60,287 cargo units with a total tonnage of nearly 1.3 million tonnes were moved. This represents increases of 741 cargo units and 50,000 tonnes over 2006's figures.

In 2007, total of 511,000 tonnes of paper was moved through the Rostock Seaport last year, up from the previous year's total of 476,500 tonnes. The Rostock branch of UPM Kymmene accounted for 501,000 tonnes of this total, and the Rostock logistics company Baltic Lloyd for 10,000 tonnes. UPM Kymmene Rostock imported 395,000 tonnes of paper from Finland and exported 106,000 tonnes to the USA and England. Baltic Lloyd carried out the import of paper from Sweden and Finland for Stora Enso.

“The increase in frequency of operation of the Scandlines routes to Gedser and Ventspils as well as the re-uptake of the Ro-Ro connection to Hanko will have positive impacts on the entire development of rolling cargo traffic in Rostock”, remarked Ulrich Bauermeister. “Together with the passenger and cargo lines of TT-Line, Tallink, Finnlines, Norlines, UPM and Spliethoff, the Rostock Seaport offers a wide spectrum of oversea connections.

Industrial operations contribute to general cargo handling

The crane production facility of Liebherr MCCtec Rostock GmbH, officially opened in May 2006 at the Rostock Seaport, now employs 700 people. According to Thomas Müller, general manager, the total number of employees will reach 950. Land preparation and foundation laying for an additional 15,000 m² assembly hall were completed in 2007. The construction project will be completed by the end of 2008. The Liebherr facility in Rostock produced 42 mobile port cranes, 20 reach stackers and 56 primary components for ship and offshore cranes last year. Ships were loaded a total of 50 times last year to transport Liebherr's products all over the world.

In addition to Liebherr, Nordex, the Rostock manufacturer of wind turbine generators, contributed to the cargo volume dispatched from the Rostock Seaport. The large, bulky wind turbine generators accounted for 32,000 tonnes last year. “General cargo handling at the port will become even more important with the start of production of the large pipe production facility of EEW in February of this year, as well as the expansion of Nordex's production facility just outside the port grounds”, commented Ulrich Bauermeister.

Development projects of Hafen-Entwicklungsgesellschaft

Hafen-Entwicklungsgesellschaft Rostock is planning development projects with a total investment volume of 17 million Euros this year. In addition to current maintenance and repair projects, the most significant development projects include:

- Completion of the new construction of berth P8 in Warnemünde at a length of 465 meters including paving; to be completed by the end of 2008
- New construction of berth 36 at a length of 210 meters on Pier II at the Rostock Seaport; January to autumn 2008. Subsequent new construction of berth 35 at a length of 310 meters by autumn 2009. From 2009 – 2010, new construction of berth 37 at a length of 200 meters.
- Coordination of the planning for the relocation of the gate at the ferry terminal
- Coordination of the planning for the connection of a road from the A19 motorway to the eastern port area.

New ships and more passengers at the cruise terminal in Warnemünde

In this year's cruise season, 117 port calls by 30 different cruise ships with a passenger volume of around 170,000 are expected in Rostock-Warnemünde. The season begins on 21 April this year with the arrival of the 252-meter long new build "AIDAbella" of AIDA Cruises, and is scheduled to end on 27 September with the departure of the "Balmoral" of the Fed Olsen company. The club ship "AIDAbella" will use Warnemünde as its point of departure for its Baltic Sea cruises, and will carry out 19 passenger change-overs at the Warnemünde Cruise Center. This year's cruise season boasts 19 double port calls, six triple port calls (2nd and 14th June, 2nd and 12th July, 12th and 14th August), as well as two quadruple port calls (12th June and 2nd September).

Eight cruise ships will visit Warnemünde for the first time in this year's cruise season: "AIDAbella", "Pacific Venus", "Crown Princess", "Carnival Splendor", "Balmoral", "Astor", "Ventura", and "Eurodam". Five of these ships – "AIDAbella" of AIDA Cruises, "Carnival Splendor" of Carnival Cruises, "Balmoral" of Fred Olsen Cruises, "Ventura" of P&O, and "Eurodam" of Holland America - are currently still being built and will be put into service in the coming weeks.

The largest cruise ships to visit Warnemünde this year is the 295-meter long “Norwegian Jewel (12 port calls), the 294-meter long “Constellation” (8 port calls), the 290-meter long “Carnival Splendor” (5 port calls), the 290-meter long “Crown Princess” (3 port calls), the 290-meter long “Ventura” (1 port call), the 285-meter long “Arcadia” (1 port call), the 285-meter long “Eurodam” (2 port calls), the 261-meter long “Orania” (1 port call) and the 252-meter long “AIDAbella” (20 port calls).

A highlight of this year’s season will be the christening of the “AIDAbella” on 23rd April in Warnemünde. A Port Party will be held to celebrate this event with the inhabitants and guests of Rostock.

Additional information: www.rostock-port.de

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Facts and Figures: Rostock Seaport

	2006 (t)	2007 (t)
Liquid cargo	2,900,000	3,900,000
Bulk cargo	6,000,000	5,100,000
General Cargo	1,000,000	1,100,000
Ferry cargo	13,900,000	15,100,000
Ro-Ro cargo	1,400,000	1,300,000
Total	25,200,000	26,500,000

Ferry traffic: 2007 results

Rostock – Gedser (Denmark)

	2006	2007
No. ferries cleared	3,306	3,466
Passengers	1,500,000	1,600,000
Cars	260,000	299,000
Trucks	105,000	113,000
Trailers & swap trailers	3,160	3,465
Busses	15,800	15,200
Tonnage	3,130,000 t	3,353,000 t

Rostock – Trelleborg (Sweden)

	2006	2007
No. ferries cleared	2,030	2,036
Passengers	605,000	640,170
Cars	103,000	104,200
Trucks	236,000	265,300
Trailers & swap trailers	53,800	53,300
Railroad cars	16,400	23,200
Busses	1,950	2,170
Tonnage	8,860,000 t	9,918,000 t

Rostock – Hanko / Helsinki (Finland) – Tallinn (Estonia)

	2006	2007
No. ferries cleared	373	354
Passengers	171,000	130,400
Cars	47,500	34,460
Trucks	39,500	33,100
Trailers & swap trailers	36,640	40,760
Busses	890	700
Tonnage	1,919,000 t	1,857,000 t

Rostock – Ventspils (Latvia)

	2006	2007
No. ferries cleared	199	211
Passengers	32,400	36,300
Cars	7,700	9,400
Trucks	22,700	28,600
Trailers & swap trailers	3,776	5,843
Busses	17	7
Tonnage (Ro-Ro)	738,000 t	840,000 t