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The silk ribbon was cut in the opening ceremonies by Juho Eerola, Second Deputy Speaker of Finnish Parliament. The other persons participating in the ceremony were (from the left): Kimmo Naski, CEO of Port of HaminaKotka Ltd, Ari-Pekka Saari, Deputy CEO of Steveco Oy, Jarkko Harjumaaskola, Chairman of the Board of Port of HaminaKotka Ltd and Kari Savolainen, Chairman of the Board of Steveco Oy (behind Juho Eerola).

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D-area at the Mussalo Harbour of Port of HaminaKotka and the Baltic Sea Pulp Centre inaugurated on 3 October 2019

Port of HaminaKotka Ltd and Steveco Oy have jointly constructed a world-class pulp terminal in the new D-area in the western part of the Mussalo Harbour in Kotka. The Port of HaminaKotka has invested almost 40 million euros in the infrastructure of the expansion area of approx. 30 hectares, and Steveco has built a modern pulp terminal of 20,000 m² for the sea transport of UPM's Kaukaa and Kymi pulp mills to be focused at Mussalo.

Port of HaminaKotka Ltd has also signed a letter of intent with Finnpulp Oy, whereby the transport of the production of the pulp mill contemplated in Kuopio would take place via the new area. The inauguration ceremonies of the D-area and the Baltic Sea Pulp Centre located on it took place on 3 October 2019.

"For the Port of HaminaKotka, this has been a major step into the future together with our long-term partners Steveco and UPM. The investments have enabled the launching of new large-scale operations at the Port of HaminaKotka," says

Kimmo Naski, CEO of Port of HaminaKotka Ltd.

The government representative in the inauguration ceremonies was **Juho Eerola**, Member and Second Deputy Speaker of Finnish Parliament. In his speech, he emphasised the importance of issues such as well-functioning rail connections for the Port of HaminaKotka, and he stated that the port is preparing for new growth by making significant investments.

Jarkko Harjumaaskola, Chairman of the Board of Port of HaminaKotka Ltd, stated in his speech that the new D-area of the Port of HaminaKotka contains space for new players. He also pointed out that the Port of HaminaKotka can be involved, through its own expertise and logistics role, in the biggest investment ever made in the wood-processing industry in Finland.

Kari Savolainen, Chairman of the Board of Steveco Oy, said that the Port of HaminaKotka has set its objectives over a long perspective into the future as it makes sizable investments so that

the port can respond to the needs of the changing operating environment.

The opening ceremonies were arranged in Steveco's pulp warehouse, where a festive marquee had been erected for the guests. The guests had been arranged a containerisation demonstration outside the warehouse, allowing the guests to see a straddle carrier bring an unladen container and a loader loading the pulp units from a terminal tractor into the container. The ship Lady Christina time-chartered with a long contract by UPM was also moored to the new quay.

The increase in the vessel sizes will be reflected in both container transport and pulp transport, and these investments make preparations for receiving ships as long as 300 metres.

"This is only the first stage of the pulp centre, and there are already plans for the further development of the infrastructure. The goal is that HaminaKotka will become the leading pulp port on the Baltic Sea," Kimmo Naski says.



Kari Savolainen, Chairman of the Board, made a speech on behalf of Steveco Oy.



The guests were able to see how pulp is loaded into a container.



Upgrading of rail connection between Kouvola and Kotka/Hamina making progress



The rail connection between Kouvola and Kotka/Hamina included in the TEN-T networks is an important cargo carriage connection between Kouvola and the Port of HaminaKotka. The current rail infrastructure is not sufficient to serve incoming and outgoing trains, and it does not enable a significant increase in the number of trains. From the point of view of the competitiveness of the port and Russian transit transport, it is vital that the axle weights can be raised to 25 tonnes and that the throughput of the rail connection can be improved. The safety equipment systems of the track represent technology of the 1970s, and their technical features do not fulfil modern requirements. Some of the safety

equipment systems are partially inadequate.

In 2019, the Finnish Parliament granted an appropriation of 98 million euros for the upgrading of the rail connection between Kouvola and Kotka/Hamina, and the Finnish Transport Infrastructure Agency has drawn up a plan for the execution of the project. The project covers the basic overhaul of the rail connection between Kouvola and Kotka/Hamina, raising of axle weights to 25 tonnes, renewal of safety equipment, expansion of the tracks at the Kotolahti railway yard in Kotka, changes needed at the Hovinsaari railway yard, and measures improving the throughput of the Kouvola-Kotka section.

The measures covered by the project plan enable issues such as an increase in rail transport, improved cost effectiveness and safety of transport and a significant increase in the capacity of the Kotolahti railway yard. The project will be carried out in 2019 - 2025 based on available funding.

"Improving the rail capacity on one of the busiest cargo transport connections in Finland is excellent news for the development and competitiveness of the Port of HaminaKotka. It is absolutely delightful to see that the upgrading work is starting. It is to be hoped that the implementation schedule could be expedited," says **Kimmo Naski**, CEO of Port of HaminaKotka Ltd.

Google's additional investment of 600 million euros in Hamina

According to Google's investment plan published in September, an investment of 600 million euros will be made in the Hamina Data Center. The data center located in the immediate vicinity of the Port of HaminaKotka will get this additional investment on top of the construction of the new data center announced in May. This will double Google's investments in Hamina and bring much-awaited new jobs to Hamina. Google built the first data center in Hamina in 2011, and in line with these new investments, the total value of Google's investments in Hamina will rise to 2 billion euros.

2019 again in record figures

Port of HaminaKotka Ltd is having a second consecutive record year in terms of the transport volumes. Between January and October 2019, almost 15 million tonnes of goods were carried via the Port of HaminaKotka. This is 10.5 per cent more than in the corresponding period in 2018.

In 2018, the total transport volume of the Port of HaminaKotka reached a record-breaking level of 16.2 million tonnes, and in 2019 it is expected to go up to almost 18 million tonnes. The particularly good result stems especially from the shipments for the Nord Stream 2 gas pipe project and the giant modules delivered to oil fields in Kazakhstan. General cargo, pulp and dry bulk have also increased in exports. The import volumes, on the other hand, have decreased, but the share of liquid bulk of total imports has grown from the volumes reached from January to October in 2018. The transit transport and container transport volumes have also gone up.

"The increase in the transport volumes is based on the confidence shown by customers and partners towards the Port of HaminaKotka. This is a valuable issue, which we aim to cherish and develop further each and every day," says **Kimmo Naski**, CEO of Port of HaminaKotka Ltd.

Wasco Coatings Finland Oy's warehousing and logistics operations in the Nord Stream 2 project finished at the Port of HaminaKotka in September, and the discontinuation of shipments for this project will have an impact on the transport volumes in the latter part of the year. The transport of other types of cargo is expected to continue at a high level, and it is anticipated that the total transport volume will reach a new annual record figure.

Trend in transport volumes in January-October 2019 compared to the same period in 2018

Exports	11,745,744 t	25.2%
Imports	3,241,904 t	-22.6%
Transit	3,462,632 t	4.7%
Containers	577,948 TEU	5.3%
Vessels (qty)	2,759	16.9%
Total transport volume	14,987,648 t	10.5%

Kymi 219 local defence exercise at Port of HaminaKotka

The Kymi 219 local defence exercise led by the Karelia Brigade was arranged between various authorities in the Vekaranjärvi - Kotka - Hamina area from 9 to 13 September 2019. The objective was to enhance the performance of local defence and the planning and implementation of joint action by authorities plus their shared communications. As part of the exercise, reservists of the local battalion participated in rescue operations at the port, led by the regional Rescue Department. The total number of military and authorities participating in the exercise was approx. 1,200.

At the Port of HaminaKotka, the exercise was arranged at Kantasatama and Mussalo in Kotka. Kantasatama was used for exercising

vessel inspection, apprehension of persons, rescue operations and handling of hazardous substances. Mussalo was the venue of a situation led by the Karelia Brigade, used for exercising the fighting of the enemy troops and taking control of the port.



Photograph: Finnish Defence Forces

Christmas present to support the children's wards of Kymenlaakso Central Hospital

This year, Port of HaminaKotka Ltd will donate the funds reserved for Christmas presents to the association that supports the children's wards of Kymenlaakso Central Hospital. The association that started its operation 25 years ago has raised a total of approx. 1,200,000 euros for the children's wards of Kymenlaakso Central Hospital.

The funds raised by the association have been used for purposes such as the purchase of various hospital equipment like heart ultrasound machines, and for the training of personnel.

"The donation of Port of HaminaKotka Ltd will be used for the visits of a hospital clown. We thank the Port of HaminaKotka for the donation, which makes it possible to bring joy to the small patients," Chairperson of the association **Mika Arola** says.



Markku Koskinen, Director of Traffic Operations of Port of HaminaKotka Ltd, Mika Arola, Chairperson of the association, and Eija Rossi, Commercial Director of Port of HaminaKotka Ltd.

Appointments



Sea Captain **Timo Rosendahl** started as Manager, Security and Rescue, of Port of HaminaKotka Ltd on 1 November 2019.

Timo Rosendahl took on the new position from the duties of Deputy Manager, Traffic and Security, of Port of HaminaKotka Ltd.



Petra Cranston, M.Sc. Econ., started at Port of HaminaKotka Ltd as Project Manager, Cruise Business, on 1 December 2019.

She took on this position after working at Cursor Oy.



Sea Captain **Suvi-Tuuli Lappalainen** has been appointed Deputy Manager, Traffic and Security, of Port of HaminaKotka Ltd as of 20 January 2020.

She will take on this position from the position of the HSSE Manager at Oiltanking Finland Oy.

Season's Greetings
and a Happy
New Year 2020

Port of HaminaKotka Ltd and
Kotkan Satamatalot Oy