



### **EMS wins Concession for East-Terminals in Port of Durres**

EMS Shipping & Trading GmbH, Leer, has won the tender for the new East-Terminal in the Port of Durres / Albania. Last week Sokol Olldashi, Minister of Public Works and Transportation, and Manfred Müller, Managing Director of EMS, signed the contract. The bid was submitted Jan 22 and signed May 6. It has a maturity of 35 years. „We regard the decision as a great vote of confidence. The port of Durres today already is one of the major gateways to the southern Balkans and we are convinced that in the forthcoming years Durres will be of even bigger importance. The new East Terminal will play a significant part in this process,“ Manfred Müller said during the signing event.

The terminal will be operated by the newly founded EMS Albanian Port Operator Sh.p.k. (EMS APO), full daughter of EMS Shipping & Trading GmbH. EMS APO will take over the East-Terminal in June. The East-Terminal is mainly used for minerals and mineral ore, coal, scrap and other goods. Up to now the turnover of these commodities is considerably hampered by an inadequate infrastructure.

„In the forthcoming years EMS will invest several millions into the infrastructure and develop the East-Terminal into a modern and cost efficient terminal,“ Manfred Müller announced. One of the main projects is the deepening of the shipping channel to a draft of 11m to allow the access of ships with up to 55.000 dwt. The terminal has a storage area of more than 200.000 sqm, two berths with a total length of 430m and will be able to handle two supramax vessels. Additionally EMS will invest in modern equipment like cranes, terminal equipment and office buildings. In the first phase EMS APO plans a throughput of more than 1m tons per year. After completion of dredging the throughput will climb to more than 2m tons per year. EMS APO will employ about 100 staff members and operate under German management. EMS is already active in Durres since 2009 with its subsidiaries Albanian Stevedoring Company and German Albanian Logistics Agency.

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