

### **Rhenus Midgard in Wilhelmshaven takes delivery of the largest single load of coal in the history of German seaports**

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**The Bulk Terminal Wilhelmshaven (BTW) is currently unloading the largest load of coal ever delivered to a German seaport. 172,488 tonnes of the fuel arrived at the bulk terminal operated by Rhenus Midgard from South America on board the Capesize vessel “Anangel Seafarer” on Thursday. The facility with its modern technology is able to unload this quantity from the cargo ship in just three days; the volume is the equivalent of about a thousand times the weight of a classic large steam locomotive.**

“We’ve comprehensively modernised and expanded the BTW so that it can handle these volumes of freight. This makes economic sense for our customers, as larger cargo volumes mean lower sea freight rates per tonne,” says Matthias Schrell, Managing Director of Rhenus Midgard in Wilhelmshaven.

The handling equipment at the long-standing Rhenus Midgard site, which has undergone a process of expansion and modernisation during the past few years, ensures that the terminal is equipped to unload these kinds of large quantities quickly. The new unloading equipment and the efficient conveyer belt systems ensure that the coal from the bulk carriers reaches the spacious storage areas on land quickly. The specially deepened navigable channel off the BTW, which enables the company to handle vessels with a draught of as much as 18.50 metres, has allowed this German port to unload fully laden Capesize vessels for the past two years.

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