



## REEDEREI HARMSTORF & CO.

THOMAS MEIER-HEDEDE GMBH & CO. KG

### **Schlüssel Reederei and Reederei Harmstorf & Co. join forces**

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With effect as of 01. October 2012 Schlüssel Reederei KG, Bremen, has taken over 100 % shares of Reederei Harmstorf & Co., Hamburg, from Thomas Meier-Hedde, one of the shareholders of Schlüssel Reederei.

Schlüssel Reederei aims to pool its own knowhow and resources with those of Reederei Harmstorf & Co.

Reederei Harmstorf & Co. will continue as an independent company, managed by the existing managing directors Thomas Meier-Hedde and Thorsten Thronicke.

The departments of both companies will be centralized to one or the other of the existing offices in Bremen and Hamburg but will be managed as one functional entity.

"By pooling the resources of both companies we will realize synergies that enable us, to face the challenges of an on-going difficult market situation much better", states the managing director of Schlüssel Reederei, Dr. Andreas Opatz.

The reorganization will have been accomplished by the end of the year and will yield synergies and cost optimization on- and off-shore.

Both companies will jointly manage 18 container vessels and are open for further cooperation and ship management contracts.

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