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Cargotec supporting the saving of the Baltic Sea

Maritime operations and seas are essential for Cargotec's business. The Baltic Sea is one of the most polluted seas in the world. Thus it is natural that Cargotec has chosen the Baltic Sea as the major target for corporate sponsorship. With this sponsorship Cargotec wants to invest in the healthier future of the seas. Finding good solutions in one marine area will enhance the best-practice development on other areas.

Cargotec has been active in supporting the cooperation and research around the Baltic Sea since the beginning of 2007. One concrete action supported by Cargotec was the commissioning of the phosphorus removal system to the Central Wastewater Treatment Plant in St. Petersburg in the beginning of October 2007. The phosphorus removal process of the St. Petersburg plant is, according to research, the single most cost-effective measure available for improving the ecological state of the Gulf of Finland.

In addition to sponsorship cooperation Cargotec is also willing to address the importance of concrete conservation actions in its business operations and business development. Therefore Cargotec joined the Baltic Sea Action Summit (BSAS) joint initiative together with eight other organisations from private and public sectors. The BSAS joint venture was opened by President of the Republic of Finland Tarja Halonen, Prime Minister of Finland Matti Vanhanen and Chairman of the Baltic Sea Action Group (BSAG) Ilkka Herlin in Helsinki, Finland on 19 May 2009.



They invited the heads of state and governments around the Baltic Sea as well as public and private sectors to participate with commitments for concrete actions to save the Baltic Sea. The most visible part of this joint initiative will be the forthcoming Baltic Sea Actions Summit in Helsinki, Finland in 2010. In the summit the results of the commitments are evaluated and new co-operation possibilities are sought.

Cargotec committed to develop its operations step by step to more environmentally-friendly and energy-efficient direction to address the complex relationship between climate change and Baltic Sea environmental problems. In Cargotec's commitment environmental targets are defined for the different phases of the supply chain: beginning from the purchasing and logistics of incoming components and ending to the actual products and their appropriate usage. Actions include for example carbon-neutral heating process for the new assembly factory in Poland and decreasing of fuel consumption of incoming and outgoing logistics around the Baltic Sea with at least ten percent.

Cargotec invites other companies, cooperation partners and interest groups to participate in this important mission. Cargotec is also ready to discuss cooperation possibilities to enhance the supporting of Baltic Sea.

More information about the Baltic Sea Action Summit: www.bsas.fi (in English)

More information about Baltic Sea Action Group: www.bsag.fi/en

More information about Helcom: www.helcom.fi