Our next DBTG Operational & Technical Conference in Amsterdam (The Netherlands) will take place in the centrally-located Akerklooster Parkhotel.

DAY 1 | APRIL 1ST 2020

The conference will start on Tuesday in the Hall of Akerklooster including a visit to the Rijk Terminal. On Wednesday 02D will be a multipurpose dry bulk terminal owned by the Port of Rotterdam (the Netherlands) and located in the Europoort, the largest port area in the world. The conference will include presentations and discussions on the latest developments and trends in the dry bulk industry, with a focus on sustainability and efficiency.

DAY 2 | APRIL 2ND 2020

The conference will continue on Wednesday with a visit to the Port of Rotterdam, including a tour of the EBS Bulk Terminal. The conference will conclude with a final panel discussion and networking opportunities.

THE CHANGING TERMINAL WORLD AND DIGITALISATION

Three members of DBTG will share their views on:

1. **The Future of Dry Bulk Handling**
   - Kevin Cribbin, Technical Director of Vistrato Ltd
   - Sami Kaksonen, VP Sales & Marketing of Awake.AI
   - Pasi Salmela, Senior Advisor of Rauanheimo OY

These views will be followed by a panel discussion on the future of dry bulk handling, the role of technology, and how digitalisation can be used to improve efficiency and sustainability.

HINTERLAND LOGISTICS

Three members of DBTG will present their views on the role of hinterland logistics in the dry bulk sector:

1. **Hamn AB**: Operations Manager of Oxelösund
2. **EMO**: Operations Manager of EMO Dry
3. **Theresia Hacksteiner**: Secretary General of the European Barge Association

These presentations will cover the latest trends in hinterland logistics, including the role of inland waterway shipping in reducing emissions and improving efficiency.

SAFETY ON BULK CARRIER VESSELS

Kevin Cribbin, Technical Director of Vistrato Ltd, will present his views on：“safety on bulk carrier vessels”. He will cover the latest developments in safety equipment and technology, including the use of autonomous technologies to improve safety on board.

The conference will conclude with a final panel discussion and networking opportunities.
Annet Koster, Managing Director of KVNR (Royal Association of Netherlands Ship Owners) will focus on the safety on bulk carrier vessels with "A hundred and forty too many".

Annet: "How could 90 seafarers and 50 shore workers lose their lives when handling solid bulk cargoes on board ships? And what can we do together to prevent this from happening again. Last year, the KVNR stipulated to the Dutch government that we recognized that the transport and handling of bulk cargo on ships could be dangerous. The number of incidents (106) and fatalities (140) reflect the danger. The question arises as to whether even more additional regulations - as proposed - will solve the problem. There are already a lot of very specific rules and recommendations and still there are far too many fatalities!"

According to Annet: "A further increase of checklists won't solve the problem. It is about compliance with the rules and regulations. By shore (terminal) staff and seafarers. That is the challenge."

After these presentations we will have an interactive discussion with the audience and we will get to conclusions and recommendations.

The last block of the day concentrates on a very actual item, which is shown daily on the News Channels: EMISSIONS & IMPACTS ON DRY BULK SHIPPING.

Sarah Holden
Shipping & Trade Research Manager, Clarksons Research
Dry Bulk Shipping Market Overview & The Environmental And Emissions Impacts

Trevor Crowe
Director, Clarksons Research
Environmental, Regulatory & Fuel Transition Factors Impacting Shipping & Dry Bulk Terminals

DAY 3 | APRIL 3RD 2020
QUALITY, HEALTH, SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT SYSTEMS

Jan de Wit
Managing Director of European Bulk Services (EBS) starts this session by showing us the history of EBS. He leads us through the transition EBS is facing, what elements are of importance after which he will show us the importance of a management system. What is his challenge, reform processes, renewal of procedures and the drive to efficiency.

Koos Leeuwenstein of Cofano Software Solutions and Arno Schilders of RASCO Methode explain how they support EBS in all phases of implementation of the QHSSE system. They tell us how EBS replaced its KAM manual with a completely new management system. EBS was already certified according to ISO 9001, SKAL, Non GMO, VCA* and GMP Plus and had this described in a KAM-Manual. However, this was not embedded sufficiently in the organization and did not tie in well with practice. The interdependence of processes and responsibilities was described too briefly and it was not clear what exactly was expected from employees. The organization wanted to review the (primary) processes with the people involved and ensure that they started to live more. Professional support was sought to complete this in just six months with RASCI and INBISCO.

PORT PRESENTATIONS
Both Ports of Amsterdam and Port of Rotterdam are having a huge shift in fossil commodity handling. Not only dry bulk terminals but also Port Authorities must manage these changes. Are the Municipalities the drivers behind these developments or are the ports feeling the consequences of a worldwide change in energy use. What is the impact of the Paris Treaty on climate? And: how do these Ports manage the impacts to the dry bulk terminals.

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