

The Ports of Kotka and Hamina will merge

The City Councils of Kotka and Hamina decided on 8 November 2010 in their respective meetings that the port companies of Kotka and Hamina will merge. The new HaminaKotka Satama Oy will begin its operations on 1 May 2011.

With this merger, the largest general and export port in Finland will be created in the Kymenlaakso region. Among the 250 ports of the Baltic Sea, HaminaKotka Satama will rise approximately to the 15th position and it will be the third largest container port.

This merger ensures the competitive strength of the Kymenlaakso route and port operations far to the future. The role of the new port company will strengthen in the Gulf of Finland and the Baltic Sea as well as in transports to and from Russia. Decision-making in the new port supports the industrial and commercial activities of the entire region and makes it easier for companies to establish themselves in the region.

Resources can be allocated to what is essential, and traffic can be coordinated according to the needs of the customers to optimal locations.

The Managing Director of the new company will be Kimmo Naski and the Deputy Managing Director will be Jan Gran. All personnel will be transferred to the service of the new company as old employees.

Operations in the Ports of Kotka and Hamina will continue normally until the beginning of May. Information regarding the progress of the matter will be provided on the Internet pages of the ports.

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