

A Clean Affair:

Contargo uses green electricity at all its terminal locations in Germany

Duisburg, 5 March 2020 – From now on, all the German terminal sites of container hinterland logistics network Contargo will be powered by green electricity. This step towards decarbonisation has been taken in order that E-trucks, hybrid reach stackers and cranes, for instance, can be operated largely climate neutrally.

“In 2020 we have finally achieved the comprehensive switch of our terminals to green electricity”, says Kristin Kahl of Sustainable Solutions, Contargo GmbH & Co. KG, who is also a member of the internal Climate Protection Strategy Group. “This is an important step in the decarbonisation planned by Contargo at the latest by 2050. Initially the electricity is being supplied by local energy providers. In future it will be even greener, as we shall make our demands to power suppliers more stringent from year to year in the calls for tender. We are aiming for ecological electricity that is free of CO₂ trading certificates.”

With this step Contargo wants to emphasise an integrated approach, since completely sustainable supply chains can only be attained by the use of E-mobility and regenerative electricity. As well as working with combined transport modes, Contargo uses electric trucks for local transport. The enterprise is also taking part in a field trial of trucks with overhead lines in Hessen. Contargo optimises its own activities at the terminals with the help of hybrid reach stackers and electric shunting engines.

Since 2011 Contargo, with its Sustainable Solutions Department, has been driving the aspect of sustainability within the enterprise. Progress is documented by the team in the Sustainability Report, published every two years. The Department informs employees through various channels and also maintains a dialogue with them, for instance in

workshops. Since 2017 its work has been additionally supported by the internal Climate Protection Strategy Group, which focuses especially on forcing innovations and technologies in terminal operation. In this way goals can be defined step by step and then jointly implemented.

About Contargo

With an annual transport volume of 2 million TEU, Contargo is one of the largest container logistics networks in Europe. Contargo integrates container transport between the western seaports, the German North Sea ports and the European hinterland. The enterprise has 24 container terminals at its disposal in Germany, France and Switzerland and maintains offices at seven additional locations in Germany, the Netherlands and Belgium. Contargo also operates its own barge and rail lines. In 2018 the workforce of 1,133 employees achieved a turnover of 534 million Euro. www.contargo.net

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