

## SAL Heavy Lift celebrating 35 years anniversary

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On May 9<sup>th</sup> 2015, SAL Heavy Lift passes a significant milestone, as it celebrates its 35 years anniversary as a company. Being a leading and worldwide known heavy lift shipping company within its field, SAL Heavy Lift can look back on 35 years with an amazing development, and many exiting stories to tell. Founded in 1980 by Hans and Claus Heinrich, taking over three vessels from their father Paul Heinrich, the two brothers set out for a business venture that was part of defining and developing the heavy lift shipping industry to what it has become today.

With an office based in the farm land of Altes Land located right at the river Elbe, Schiffahrtskontor Altes Land GmbH, more commonly referred to as SAL, was starting its chartering business. It soon developed into a shipping company with focus on oversized and heavy cargo sea transport. By a strong dedication to good seaman ship, business acumen and engineering focus, SAL was building up a world leading position as heavy lift carrier. From its first geared vessel MV Calypso with 2x30 tons cranes in 1984, to today's MV Lone with 2 x 1000 t cranes onboard, SAL has continued to develop its business and been pursuing to define the upper scale of the industry. In 2007 and later in 2011 the many years of family ownership came to an end, as the Heinrich and the Rolner family sold SAL to one of the world's leading shipping conglomerates Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha – "K" Line Group.

35 years after its founding, the company is continuing its success as SAL Heavy Lift GmbH and is now residing in Hamburg in its maritime and contemporary part of town "Hafencity". SAL continues to develop itself with respect to its heritage, and is still positioned as a leading high-end heavy lift carrier and off-shore service provider. Today we are proud of employing 150 employees ashore worldwide and more than 600 crew members on board, servicing our clients from a fleet of 16 vessels. It has been 35 years of exiting developments, going from three persons and one vessel, to where SAL stands today.

We – SAL – would like to thank all our clients and business partners for the strong cooperation over the past 35 years, as well as our employees ashore and at sea, and are looking forward to continuing the strong cooperation for many years to come.

On behalf of the entire staff of SAL Heavy Lift GmbH,

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