



RICKMERS-LINE

## Press Release

# **Rickmers-Line and RZ Carrier certified according to latest ISO standards**

*Hamburg, 12-OCT-2017.* RZ Carrier and Rickmers-Line, both companies of Zeaborn Group, have successfully undergone the process of certification of their integrated management system for Quality, Health and Safety and Environment (QHSE) according to the latest standards of ISO 9001:2015 for the Quality- and Process-Management, OHSAS 18001:2007 for the Health & Safety Management System, and ISO 14001:2015 for the Environmental Management System.

Audits by DNV GL took place in Hamburg on 9 and 10 October. The new certificates will be released for RZ Carrier GmbH & Co. KG including Rickmers-Line GmbH & Co. KG with the scope of "Management of worldwide liner shipping specialized in break bulk, project shipments and heavy lifts". The certificates have a validity of three years.

RZ Carrier and Rickmers-Line are thus amongst very few shipping companies in the multipurpose sector, which have their Quality and Environmental Management Systems certified according to the newest demanding 2015-standards.

Hans-F. Illner, Director Corporate Development at Rickmers-Line commented on the successful certification process: "Following the takeover by Zeaborn in April it was a logical step to bring forward the re-certification by one year and to include RZ Carrier, which in our new business structure acts as the carrier company also for the liner services of Rickmers-Line. Our already existing Process Management tool and intranet enabled a very smooth transition to the latest 2015-standards for ISO 9001 and 14001. Our liner services are known for reliability and quality. It is thus of paramount importance to further develop our integrated management systems, ensuring transparency in workflows and processes."

Once received, the new certificates will be available on the website of Rickmers-Line under [www.rickmers-line.com](http://www.rickmers-line.com).

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## **Note to editors**

*Rickmers-Line and RZ Carrier are companies of Bremen-based Zeaborn Group, an integrated shipping company operating globally in the MPP segment. The Group provides services along the entire value-added chain, meeting capital market requirements. Zeaborn Group has a team of close to 200 employees and currently controls a fleet of about 50 multi-purpose heavy-lift vessels with deadweight capacities (dwt) between 7,500 and 30,000 tonnes, and a combined lifting capacity of up to 700 tonnes.*

*Rickmers-Line is one of the world's leading specialists in the global transportation of break bulk, heavy lift and project cargo by sea. Its liner services with scheduled sailings are renowned for their reliability. The "Round-the-World Pearl String Service" connects the core business areas of the world on an eastbound rotation and employs nine sister vessels of the Superflex Heavy MPC Class. Liner services between the US, Europe the Middle East/India and South East Asia, from Asia to South America (westbound Round-The-World) as well as special charter sailings on demand along the trade lanes of these liner services add value for the globally active customers.*

**A photograph** to accompany the press release is available to download from the website of Rickmers-Line. Please look for this press release on [www.rickmers-line.com](http://www.rickmers-line.com) to get to the download.

The caption reads:

*"RICKMERS ANTWERP is one of nine identical sister vessels employed in the Rickmers-Line Round-The-World Pearl String Service. She is here pictured loading yachts in Bodrum, Turkey." Photo: Rickmers-Line*

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