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## Press release

### Ronald Lugthart 2015 Port Man of the Year

**Rotterdam, 2 December 2015** - The Port Man/Woman of the Year Foundation (*Stichting Havenman/-vrouw van het Jaar*) in Rotterdam has unanimously elected Ronald Lugthart, Managing Director at Rotterdam World Gateway (RWG), as Port Man of the Year for 2015.

Ronald Lugthart has been elected 2015 Port Man of the Year because the construction and organisation of RWG at Maasvlakte II has been completed successfully under his leadership. In RWG, the port of Rotterdam boasts the most advanced, innovative and sustainable container terminal in the world. Ronald Lugthart was responsible for the smooth implementation of this highly technologically and organisationally complex project, taking the large number of stakeholders into account as well.

Ronald Lugthart is the 35th port entrepreneur in a row to receive this distinction, which was established by the former Port of Rotterdam press club, Kyoto, in 1981. He will follow in the footsteps of Harold Linssen van Keppel Verolme, who is at the moment still active as Port Man of the Year for 2014.

The Rotterdam-born Ronald Lugthart studied accounting, and after following an initial career in consultancy, he found his way to the port of Rotterdam in the early Nineties. After being employed by the Matrans Group, Steinweg and Uniport, he was approached by DP World in 2011 about an opportunity to establish a profile for RWG on behalf of its shareholders.

The distinction will, as per tradition, be presented to Mr Lugthart on the evening of the second Monday of the new year, 11 January 2016, during a festive gathering on board the *Smaragd 2*. During that evening, while bestowing the medal and certificate, Port Man/Woman of the Year Foundation chair Frank de Kruif will address the audience to explain the Foundation's decision to name Ronald Lugthart as 2015 Port Man of the Year.

The Port Man/Woman of the Year Foundation consists of a board of four former members of the Port press club Kyoto, all of whom are independent journalists; the previous three Port Men; the last Young Port Talent Award recipient; and three sponsors of the Port Man/Woman of the Year Foundation.

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Editor's note, not for publication:

If you would like to attend the award ceremony as a member of the press, or for more information, please contact Port Man/Woman of the Year Foundation chair Frank de Kruif at [f.dekruif@chello.nl](mailto:f.dekruif@chello.nl) or +31 (0)6-23652909.