

Press release

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## **Scandlines hires new freight manager**

*As of 01 February 2024, Vice President for Freight Sales Gerald Lefold will hand over the responsibility for Scandlines' freight business to Peter Leschly, who comes to Scandlines with extensive experience from some of Denmark's largest IT and transport companies.*

After 30 years with Scandlines, 10 of which as Freight Manager, Gerald Lefold is retiring. To take over the position as Freight Manager, Scandlines has hired Peter Leschly, who has experience from DSV, Maersk and IBM, among others.

Gerald Lefold started as Line Manager Hansa Ferry in the former Deutsche Fährgesellschaft (DFO), which in 1998 changed its name to Scandlines AG as a result of the merger between DFO and Scandlines Danmark A/S. In the following years, he was responsible for the freight-based routes to the Baltic States, Finland and Sweden. After a short detour to Stena Line in 2012-2013, he took over the responsibility for Scandlines' freight business in 2014, which has since experienced growth of close to 50 percent.

Now he is passing the baton to Peter Leschly.

"New forces now take over our freight division, and I'm very much looking forward to welcoming Peter to Scandlines. With our new zero direct emissions freight ferry and a focus on making the freight customer journey as easy as possible, we are confident that the freight division will continue to be crucial to our business. Gerald and his team have delivered impressive growth in the freight business over the past several years. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Gerald for his significant contribution and many years with Scandlines," says CEO Carsten Nørland.

"I am very much looking forward to joining Scandlines and, together with the team, developing the solid foundation that has been built. Scandlines offers its freight customers a good and attractive product," says Peter Leschly.

Gerald will transitionally remain with the company in order to ensure a smooth handover of responsibilities.

"I can look back on many exciting years and experiences at Scandlines and would like to thank my entire team. Without them, it would not have been possible to deliver the fantastic results we have achieved over the past many years. I leave with a clear conviction that this success will continue," says Gerald.

In addition to his role as Head of Freight Sales, Gerald Lefold is Managing Director of Scandlines Deutschland GmbH and BorderShops together with Heiko Kähler. Upon Gerald's retirement, Heiko Kähler will assume full responsibility as Managing Director of the German companies.

### **About Scandlines**

*Scandlines is a modern and innovative ferry operator with a green vision for the future. We have a proud culture based on strong German-Danish cooperation and maritime history dating back to 1872.*

*Scandlines operates two ferry routes with high capacity and frequency. Six of our ferries are hybrid ferries, and two are furthermore fitted with an innovative rotor sail – and that contributes to making our ferries greener.*

*Our core business is to provide an efficient and reliable transport service for both passengers and freight customers. The focus for all our activities – on board the ferries as well as in our BorderShops – is to give our customers a great experience.*

*With 39,000 departures on seven ferries, Scandlines in 2022 transported close to 6.1 million passengers, 1.6 million cars and over 750,000 freight units on the routes Puttgarden-Rødby and Rostock-Gedser.*

Read more about Scandlines at [www.scandlines.com](http://www.scandlines.com). High-resolution press photos can be downloaded [here](#).

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