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## PRESS RELEASE

### **Mukran Port: Site boosts strategic importance for offshore industry**

*Mukran Port selected as base port for Van Oord's Baltic Eagle offshore wind farm which is being constructed in 2023 and 2024 for Iberdrola.*

**Sassnitz-Mukran, March 27, 2023 - Van Oord, a specialist in maritime infrastructure projects, has chosen Mukran Port as its base port for the handling and loading of 50 Transition Pieces (TPs - in German: Verbindungsstücke). The first TPs have already been loaded out in port and transported to their storage locations.. The TPs are part of the offshore wind farm Baltic Eagle for the Spanish energy company Iberdrola.**

The 50 TPs, each measuring 15 meters long and 7 meters wide and weighing 240 tons, will be transported to Mukran by ship at regular intervals over the coming months. Specialized teams at Mukran Port Terminals will provide active support in handling the components. This means unloading the cargo as well as transshipment including interim storage. At Mukran Port, the TPs are further prepared for installation by fitting additional equipment and materials. The modern berth 10 of the port's Offshore Terminal North will be used for the work. This berth with its quay area and heavy-duty slab, will allow for the berthing of specialized vessels.

"Mukran Port is an important part of the European energy transition. It is one of the most important offshore ports and logistics hubs in the Baltic Sea region. Our port infrastructure is purposefully designed by us to meet the industry's current and future needs for future forms of energy. We offer the energy companies, the required spacious and heavy-duty areas in our industrial and port area. The decision of Van Oord is a confirmation of the efficiency of the location and the people working here," says Harm Sievers, Managing Director of Mukran Port.

"Creating a sustainable energy system is one of the most important challenges of our time and it is becoming increasingly urgent. Mukran Port has developed itself into an important offshore wind hub in the Baltic Sea region. Next to the excellent offshore terminal modern and safe berthing for crew transfer vessels has been established. Ship's emissions can be reduced by making use of shore

connections, making the port more sustainable. We are happy to work again with Mukran Port and looking forward to the project execution,” says. Henk-Jan van Dijk, Project director of Van Oord Offshore Wind Germany.

### **About Mukran Port**

Mukran Port on the island of Rügen offers everything a modern multifunctional port requires on a total area of almost 430 hectares with ferry, rail, multipurpose and offshore terminals as well as extensive production and storage areas. The port has sea links to Sweden, Denmark (Bornholm), Finland, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. The easternmost deep-water port in Germany is accessible to all classes of ships operating in the Baltic Sea region. Its location on the open sea allows for easy port approach without the need for territorial navigation and compulsory pilotage.

Mukran Port also offers ideal conditions for the offshore wind industry: there are already several offshore wind farms within a maximum radius of 30 nautical miles, which will be expanded in the coming years.