

### **The downhill trend of cargo traffic at the Port of Helsinki is easing off**

The amount of unitized cargo traffic totalled 764,000 tons in November, which indicates a 5 percent decrease in comparison to November of the previous year.

The traffic from January to November added up to 7.9 million tons, decreased by 22 percent from the comparative period in the previous year. Import shipping decreased by 21 percent and export shipping by 23 percent. There were equal amounts of imports and exports.

The number of passengers in November was 630,000, which means a 3 percent increase to that of the previous year. In the period extending from January to November, the number of passengers totalled nearly 8.4 million, which indicates a growth of one percent in comparison to the previous year. The growth mainly occurred in the lines to Tallinn.

### **Finnlines to open a ro-ro line to Gothenburg**

Finnlines will open three new ro-ro lines in January 2010 for the routes from Helsinki to Gothenburg, from Kotka to Gothenburg and from Gothenburg to Bilbao. These new routes increase the ro-ro network connections operated by Finnlines by one fifth. Two large, modern ro-ro vessels, MS Finnmill and MS Finnulp, will operate on the new routes.

### **Price list is available now and Service Handbook will be published on week 2**

The fees of Port of Helsinki will not be increased in 2010. The price list will be valid from 1 January 2010. The price list is now available for download on our website, in PDF format, and the printed version will be posted to clients at the turn of the year.

The Service Handbook of the Port of Helsinki will be published at the latest on week 2. The publication will then be available for download on our website, in PDF format. It can also be ordered from the address [port.helsinki@hel.fi](mailto:port.helsinki@hel.fi)

### **First Fiat cars shipped to Vuosaari Harbour**

The first Fiat car consignments imported to Finland were shipped into the country via Vuosaari Harbour in the beginning of December. The import route of Fiats on Finnlines ships was moved to go from Wallhamn to Vuosaari Harbour. The cars are primarily for the Finnish market and the number will be a couple of thousands a year. The ground logistics are handled by Avelon Autologistics Ltd.

### **Kristina Cruises shipping company to acquire a new flagship**

The Finnish shipping company Kristina Cruises, specialist in cruise holidays, has signed a preliminary contract for the cruise ship M/S The Iris, which has for long operated on the eastern Mediterranean. This ship will replace M/S Kristina Regina, which will conclude her transportation operations in August 2010. The new ship will be named M/S Kristina Katarina and is larger in size than M/S Kristina Regina. After

the alteration works on the ship have been completed during the spring, there will be a total of 380 lower berths in 195 cabins.

### **Finnish Quality Award 2009 granted to Viking Line**

Viking Line Abp is the winner of this year's Finnish Quality Award contest. The Finnish Quality Award, granted annually by Excellence Finland (Suomen Laatuokeskus), is given as an acknowledgement for excellence in the development of operative quality and competitiveness of a Finnish-based organisation. Viking Line was granted the award in the category of large corporations and business units.

"The Finnish Quality Award 2009 is a significant recognition to the long-term and systematic efforts Viking Line has made in the respect of quality development. The award, granted on the grounds of an assessment by external experts, proves that we have chosen the right path for this work, which was first initiated with our safety and environment management systems and later extended to the development of the quality of management and services following the EFQM model," states Nils-Erik Eklund, Managing Director of Viking Line.

### **Last crane on sale**

A mobile port crane owned by the Port of Helsinki, the model Liebherr LHM 400 from 1999, is on sale. A sales contract for the crane has been signed with the Danish ÅKERBERGS MASKINER A/S. The crane has been in operation for approximately 7,000 hours. The so-called 10-year inspection was conducted in October 2009 and the crane is in excellent condition.

More information about the sale of the crane is provided by:

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The cranes LN1, LN3, LN4 and LN6, which were used by the Port of Helsinki at the West Harbour, and the crane SN4 previously in operation at the North Harbour, were sold in 2008 to the Port of Sillamäe in Estonia. The cranes will be used at the new container terminal, which is being built at the Port of Sillamäe. Furthermore, the LN2 crane, previously used at the West Harbour, was sold to Multi-Link Termi-

nals Ltd and the LN5 crane to Finnsteve Oy Ab. These cranes continue to be operated at the Vuosaari Harbour.

## **Business premises for rent**

The Port of Helsinki offers business premises for rent at the Port Building (Satamatalo, visiting address Olympiaranta 3). The entire first floor, of nearly 1,000 square metres, is available for rent. The premises can also be rented out in smaller units.

The other floors of the building are occupied by the Port of Helsinki. Rights of use for the other facilities and services in the building, for example the staff restaurant, can be agreed upon separately. Some parking spaces are also available and their leasing can be agreed upon separately.