

BMF Port Burgas Becomes a Member of ICHCA

The Bulgarian port operator BMF Port Burgas, which carries out extensive cargo handling at the Black Sea Port of Burgas has joined international association of cargo handling interests. The company which operates modern port terminals with focus on containerized, bulk, liquid and general cargo, believes membership of ICHCA will enhance its pursuit of safety excellence.

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The two organisations joint aims of safeguarding workers in the sector while maintaining productivity, will be well served by the unity. So, the latest addition to the association is welcomed by ICHCA. The new member values the strengths of the Association, which emanate from more than seventy years of experience in the field. The membership, and the technical panel in particular comprises a range of top-level global experts dedicated to honing the best working practices of the cargo handling industry and delivering them to operators throughout the world.

Chief Legal Advisor for BMF, Ms Vesela Dzhundzhurova was clear on the reasoning behind the decision, “BMF Port Burgas believes in the relentless pursuit of world-class safety excellence,” she states. “As a company in the ever-changing field of port operations, we invest constantly to provide reliable and safe services for our clients. ICHCA is an organization which provides a focal point for informing, educating, lobbying and networking to improve knowledge and best practice across the cargo handling chain. Becoming a member of ICHCA was, therefore a logical step in our pursuit.”

ICHCA’s CEO Richard Steele welcomed his organisation’s new member, BMF Port Burgas has a clearly stated mission to maintain and improve a safe working environment throughout its varied cargo handling operations. Its management also has a desire to contribute to the dissemination of best working practices across the entire international maritime supply chain; as such we are delighted to include them in the ICHCA community.”

BMF Port Burgas is particularly keen to have access to the ICHCA’s Technical Library, a vast repository of specialized research and safety guidelines. It will also benefit from

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the concerted Global Networking afforded members, allowing connections to a growing international network of port operators, equipment manufacturers, and logistics specialists, which allows access to an ever-growing source of safety innovation technology. As the only non-governmental organisation representing the cargo handling sector in consultation with United Nations bodies, such as the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) and UN Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), ICHCA members also have access to a significantly influential advocacy and lobbying institution. This is most valuable in helping to improve safety regulations and to shape those being developed for the future.

Ms Dzhundzhurova concludes "We are truly impressed by the sheer scale of the ICHCA library and the depth of the network. This partnership ensures that BMF Port Burgas is not just following industry standards, but actively helping to set them."

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About ICHCA International

Established in 1952, ICHCA International is an independent, not-for-profit organisation dedicated to improving the safety, productivity and efficiency of cargo handling and movement worldwide. ICHCA's privileged NGO status enables it to represent its members, and the cargo handling industry at large, in front of national and international agencies and regulatory bodies, while its Technical Panel provides best practice advice and develops publications on a wide range of practical cargo handling issues.

Operating through a series of national and regional chapters, including ICHCA Australia, ICHCA Japan and plus Correspondence and Working Groups, ICHCA provides a focal point for informing, educating, lobbying and networking to improve knowledge and best practice across the cargo handling chain.

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About BMF Port Burgas

BMF Port Burgas is the fastest-developing port operator in Bulgaria, providing comprehensive cargo handling, logistics and intermodal services at the Port of Burgas. The company operates modern port terminals with focus on containerized, bulk, liquid and general cargo, offering efficient cargo handling and logistics services and solutions. Through continuous investments in infrastructure, equipment and operational processes, BMF Port

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Burgas has strengthened its role as a key maritime gateway connecting the Black Sea with Bulgaria's hinterland and the major economic regions of Southeast and Central Europe.

The company's development strategy is centered on long-term, sustainable growth and enhanced connectivity. Key priorities include expanding port capacity through new and upgraded berths, increasing rail infrastructure and intermodal capabilities, and further integrating the port with inland logistics hubs, like BMF Dry Port Sofia – an ICD under their management connecting the port with the most economically developed area in Bulgaria. By focusing on efficiency, environmental responsibility and customer-oriented solutions, BMF Port Burgas aims to increase Bulgaria's competitiveness as a logistics entry point for cargo flows between Asia and Europe, while supporting the economic development of the region.

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