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## **Starck International invests in new agricultural terminal at North Sea Port**

North Sea Port has announced a new investment in Vlissingen as Starck International moves forward with plans to develop the Quarleskade area into a strategic hub for agricultural commodities in north-western Europe.

The investment is expected to strengthen North Sea Port's position as a major bulk port and logistics centre while supporting regional economic growth and supply chain efficiency.

Starck International has acquired the warehouses and terminal facilities located on the Quarleskade in Vlissingen and has also signed a long-term lease agreement with North Sea Port for an additional six hectares of land. The full terminal development will cover approximately 14 hectares.

According to Vincent Allertz, CEO of Starck International, the project is intended to reinforce the company's role in international trade, storage and logistics for agricultural bulk cargo flows.

Starck International, which operates within the livestock feed sector, is part of the Italian Borsari Group and already maintains a presence in the port region through its ownership of Feijter-Granen in Sas van Gent. The expansion into Vlissingen forms part of the company's broader strategy to optimise logistics operations and support future growth.

The company currently manages substantial cargo volumes through multiple ports and aims to consolidate these flows at the new Vlissingen terminal. The site will primarily focus on the storage, transshipment and distribution of residual flows from food production, which are processed into circular feed products for the animal feed sector.

In addition to feed-related products, Starck International also trades various raw materials used in the compound feed and fermentation industries. The investment is expected to create several dozen new jobs in the region.

North Sea Port CEO Cas König stated that the development aligns with the port's strategy of strengthening its role in bulk cargo and logistics operations. He added that the investment would contribute to regional economic development, employment growth and European autonomy in agricultural raw materials supply chains.

A key advantage of the project is the speed at which operations can begin. Starck is expected to commence activities within the coming months using the existing warehouse infrastructure at the former Bulk Terminal Zeeland (BTZ) site, currently occupied by BOW Terminals.

The additional six hectares leased from North Sea Port, together with a planned 50-metre quay extension, are expected to provide the company with sufficient capacity for long-term expansion and increased cargo handling operations in Vlissingen.

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