



Boudewijn Siemons becomes permanent CEO of Rotterdam port

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Port of Rotterdam Authority

Boudewijn Siemons has been appointed as the permanent chief executive officer (CEO) of the Port of Rotterdam Authority after being in the role on an interim basis from July 2023.

He succeeds Allard Castelein, who [left the Port Authority](#) in July 2023 to join the board of Dutch FPSO giant SBM Offshore. Since then, Siemons served as an interim CEO in addition to his position as COO. He has become the full-time CEO effective February 1, 2024.

The executive board of the Port Authority now consists of Boudewijn Siemons as CEO and interim COO and Vivienne de Leeuw who is the CFO. The search for a new COO is underway.

Siemons has been the COO of the Port of Rotterdam Authority since October 2020. Before then, he served as the president of Royal Vopak's Americas division. He also worked in management positions at that company in Europe, the Middle East, and the United States. From 1998 to 2006, Siemons had a range of management positions at Royal VolkerWessels. The new Port of Rotterdam Authority CEO started his career in 1987 at the Royal Netherlands Navy, where he worked until 1998.

"This appointment means that the Port Authority will continue to be led by a familiar face for employees and customers. Siemons has demonstrated his excellent abilities as CEO during the past six months. In addition to his passion for the port, he brings experience from the maritime sector and companies in the fields of infrastructure and the energy transition," said Koos Timmermans, the chair of the supervisory board.