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HHLA and German trade union ver.di sign collective agreement

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Germany's logistics provider Hamburger Hafen und Logistik Aktiengesellschaft (HHLA) and the German trade union ver.di have concluded a social and change collective agreement.

With this deal, HHLA and its employees receive binding legal and planning security for the implementation of transformation projects which, according to HHLA, are expected to strengthen the competitive edge of HHLA and secure jobs in the Port of Hamburg over the long term.

Torben Seebold, HHLA chief human resources officer, and lead negotiator, said: "This long-term collective agreement forms the basis for the accelerated implementation of key transformation projects, thereby ensuring the future viability of HHLA and our employees.

"Together, we have achieved our goal of placing people at the centre of the transformation while simultaneously enhancing HHLA's competitiveness.

"To this end, we are combining the necessary operational changes resulting from automation and process optimisation with comprehensive training measures and clear commitments to social security. This creates promising prospects for HHLA and our employees in a dynamic market environment."

The collective agreement with ver.di is complimented by agreements signed on Monday, February 10 with the HHLA Group Works Council and the respective works council committees of the company.

These agreements will enable the implementation of the planned measures.