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Boschmans & Co is an Antwerp based Forwarder, regularly used by E-Crane® for the seafreight of their E-Cranes to all continents of the world. Through Mr. Jean Aernauds, we received the invitation to see with our own eyes how this works and what is involved in this whole loading and transport process.

We were welcomed by Mr. Kurt Lyssens, Trade Manager at Rickmers-Linie Belgium NV, who gave us a tour of the ship and lots of information about their operating ways.



From left to right: Jean-Marie, Ann, Bart & Stein from Indusign NV / E-Crane Worldwide, Jean Aernauds from Boschmans & Co., Leon Hendrickx from E-Crane International Europe.

Rickmers Linie has 9 identical ships, all with adjustable tweendecks, dehumidifying devices in all holds and a heavy-lift capacity of up to 640 tons when combining their two 320 ton portside cranes. All vessels have a deadweight of 30.000 tons and cargo capacity of +/- 34.600 tons.

They offer what is called a "Round-The-World Pearl String Service", covering a route (loading / unloading points) around different continents of the world, with stops in Hamburg, Antwerp, Genoa for Europe, and several ports in China, Singapore, Japan, The United States, ... Each round trip takes about 4 months.

When we arrived, our E-Crane® was already safely stored in at the bottom of deck 3. Rickmers-Linie Belgium was so kind as to provide us with a picture taken just after loading of the E-Crane®.



The 1000 Series E-Crane®, stored under deck, ready to be transported to China, where it will be assembled on the TISCO scrap yard by our E-Crane erection team - Picture by Rickmers Linie Belgium NV.

The E-Crane® is a 1000 Series E-Crane®, model 7317 on Gantry lower, and will be working alongside the first E-Crane® at TISCO, a similar model, loading baskets, offloading trucks, etcetera.

The first E-Crane® at TISCO was assembled in 2006.



TISCO E-Crane® nr. 1, gantry-based on rail, sorting scrap and filling baskets at Taiyuan scrap yard.

We would like to thank Mr. Aernauds for the invitation and Mr. Lyssens for the interesting tour on board!



Quick visit to the E-Crane® offloading grains at the Cargill's Schelde-Natie terminal nearby



The m/v Rickmers Jakarta, loading at the Port of Antwerp, Belgium



Guided tour of the ship by Mr. Lyssens, Rickmers Linie Belgium NV



Taking a close look into one of the 5 holds



The hold can be divided according to each load's measurements, thus storing all goods securely and with as good a use of space as possible



Group picture taken on the quay

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