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The German Shippers Association held its Annual General Meeting in Hamburg on 24th April 2013, with President Frank Engellandt welcoming 41 representatives of 31 member companies, which unanimously approved the acts of the board and secretary.

In his report on the business year, Mr Engellandt mentioned that in 2012, the German Shippers Association had again successfully represented the interests of its members. At EU-level Shippers were represented by OCEAN, at the international level by ISSA.

German Association members reported the crisis is not over, yet with low charter rates, overcapacities and the financial crisis taking their toll on the industry. Ship owners in the area of merchant shipping were discussed as being in a kind of 'double crises' – owing to a weak market and the stepping back of some important banks, which had put them into serious trouble. In Germany, unfortunately, needful infrastructure projects for maritime waterways, River

Elbe and Kiel-Canal were postponed. An improvement in 2013 was considered as not likely.

Good working supply chains, adequate rules and procedures were essential for ship suppliers. It would become more and more difficult to implement new rules without having negative effects on the procedures because of the yet existing rules. The more important factor is strong lobby work to prevent negative developments for the maritime industry.

Mr Engellandt thanked everyone who had been involved in the excellent work of the association in the past year and invited members to continue supporting this work with new ideas and suggestions.

Mr Harms reported on some special subjects of customs, tax and economic law. Then he reported about veterinarian issues and OCEAN on behalf of Wolfgang Sump, who could not be present. Mr Engellandt then reported for Mr Rapp who could not be present about the work of ISSA.

In the public part of the 2013 AGM Mr Dr Jörg Wagner, Federal Ministry of

Transport, Building and Urban Development, held a speech about this year's meeting motto: "Supply Chain Security".

141 companies were involved in the German Ship Suppliers Association at the end of 2012, general ship suppliers, specialized ship suppliers and manufacturers.

The 2012 Annual Report is available as a PDF download on the association's website: www.shipsuppliers.de

Pictured left to right: German Board and guest speaker: Thorsten Harms (Association Secretary), Lennart Clasen (Holger Clasen GmbH & Co. KG, Hamburg), Mathias Oveshaus (Ender Schiffsausrüstungs AG, Emden, Treasurer), Gunnar Heinemann (Gebr. Heisemann SE & Co. KG), Jens Pfeiffer (EMS Ship Supply (Germany) GmbH, Harsburg), Andreas Albert (H. Albert GmbH, Bremen), Nadine Kloska (Kloska Group, Harsburg/Bremen/Rostock), Jörg Wagner (Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Development), Daniel Arzani (Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Development) Frank Engellandt (HMS Hanseatic Marine Services GmbH & Co. KG, Harsburg/Kiel, President).