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# NEWS

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### **Is Hapag Lloyd about to join the mega-ship club?**

Rolf Habben Jansen, CEO of the German shipping line, Hapag-Lloyd, has been quoted in the German press as having hinted that the company may join other 20 000-TEU owners.

Although this decision has not yet been made, he said that the cost advantage of such ships is so great that they will fast replace older, smaller ships on the main trades.

A spokesman for Hapag-Lloyd was also reported to have said that such a decision could be made before the year end. But other sources in the line even suggested that discussions with various South Korean shipyards are already underway.

The biggest boxships in the current Hapag-Lloyd fleet are those of the 13 166-TEU 'Express' class.

Source: Arabian Supply Chain

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