



AIDAprima successfully completes full test run for LNG operation in Hamburg

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After approval of Environmental Protection Agency practical test is fully satisfying

Great joy in the port of Hamburg: AIDAprima completed the complete test run for LNG operation successfully and smoothly. The new cruise, ship which will be inaugurated tonight in a festive event, can such be operated with low-emission and environmentally friendly LNG (LNG = liquefied natural gas) in port.

Compared to the use of conventional marine diesel with 0.1 percent sulfur content emissions and particle discharge will be significantly reduced by using LNG. The emission of sulfur oxide and soot particles will be completely prevented. Nitrogen oxide emissions will be reduced by up to 80 percent and carbon dioxide emissions by 20 percent.

AIDAprima is the world's first cruise ship which can be operated in an environmentally friendly way in port with liquefied natural gas (LNG).

This leads to a major reduction in emissions when docked.

The preparations and initial permit procedures for the port of Rotterdam are already well underway. For Southampton, Le Havre, and Zeebrugge authorities have already given their approval.

"We believe in LNG as being the cleanest fossil fuel!" says Felix Eichhorn, President AIDA Cruises. "With AIDAprima, we are the first cruise line in the world to supply a ship with low-emission LNG for operation in port, and we are once again proving that we are pioneers of innovation. I am convinced that our path is also a clear signal to the ports and LNG producers to invest in the necessary infrastructure," continues Eichhorn.

With the next generation of ships that will be put into service in 2019/2020, AIDA will go one step further. Under the concept of "Green Cruising" they will be operated with 100 percent low-emission LNG.

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