

Explore Zealand – Explore Your Opportunities

The future Fehmarnbelt tunnel, linking Northern Germany and Denmark’s prominent Zealand Region, represents an investment of over €6 billion. This is just the start. In Region Zealand and the Capital Region investments worth more than €30 billion in new infrastructure, new hospitals and other major public projects is on the edge of being launched. In short, the entire region is booming with activity and business opportunity.

Forget about the fiscal crisis. If you want to be part of thriving industry and involved in major construction projects, you should look no further than Region Zealand – right in the middle of the axis between Hamburg to the South and Copenhagen to the Northeast. In Zealand you’ll discover the many promising new business opportunities that go hand-in-hand with the building and completion of the new fixed link between Denmark and Germany.

The following statement was one of the major points of interests raised by the chairman of The Regional Council of the Region Zealand, Mr. Steen Bach Nielsen, at a press briefing during the MIPIM 2013 exhibition in Cannes, France, on Wednesday March 13th 2013.

- “We invite the leading construction companies to take an active interest in Region Zealand. In the near future we will be experiencing a construction boom. Not only are we investing in the new fixed link between Denmark and Germany, connecting the Europe with Scandinavia, the building of three new hospitals and renovating a number of older hospitals. Furthermore, we are investing heavily in infrastructure and an updated rail network. All in all, we are in East Denmark investing over €30 billion in the future, starting right now.”
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- “With an established new fixed Fehmarn Belt link, the thriving, substantial metropolises of Copenhagen and Hamburg will provide an axis of tremendous business opportunity. All along the E47 highway that connects these two cities, any company seeking a Scandinavian foothold will enjoy unrivalled access to these economic powerhouses, in addition to cooperation with significant industrial clusters located in Zealand. We invite you to Explore Zealand – and we will do our utmost to ease your move should you choose to locate your business in our region” - Mr. Steen Bach Nielsen

New fixed link presented

18 kilometres of immersed tunnel will be constructed beneath the waters of the Fehmarnbelt. The prequalification process is being conducted in spring 2013, with a construction plan scheduled for completion in 2021, when the first cars and trains will cross in matters of minutes. Compare that to today, where trains must take a 160 km. detour, via The Great Belt, in order to reach their European destinations.

Mr. Ajs Dam, Director of Communications and Regional Development at Femern A/S, presented the plans for the construction of the largest immersed tunnel-construction ever undertaken worldwide. At the same time he drew up the timeline for the entire project.

- “Although we are primarily in the process of building a new fixed link between Denmark and Germany, what we are actually constructing is an entirely new region with great opportunities on both sides of the Fehmarnbelt”, he stated.

Explore Zealand and proactive marketing

At the briefing it was emphasized that the entire Region Zealand is ready to welcome any new businesses that wish to locate themselves permanently in Zealand. At the briefing two business development organizations, Femern Belt Development and Copenhagen Capacity outlined the services that they offer;

- “Through the Explore Zealand-brand, we will secure companies interested in locating their business in Zealand, with a single-contact-entrance to cooperation, with both the relevant authorities and business partners. Furthermore we will exercise a proactive marketing approach aimed at large foreign companies that wish to establish a presence in Scandinavia, said the managing director of Femern Belt Development, Mr. Stig Rømer Winther said.

Through a number of large construction projects in the city of Copenhagen, the director of development at Copenhagen Capacity, Mr. Kim Bek, said that the accumulated experiences of cooperation between large foreign companies and Danish authorities and subcontractors will now be rolled out, such that the services typically rendered in the capital will now be available all over the Zealand region.

- “In short, we will assist foreign companies in any way we can think of, in order to create a thriving business climate for companies wishing to take part in the construction of the fixed link between Denmark and Germany, or indeed, any of the many other major construction projects planned for Copenhagen and all over the region of Zealand”, Mr. Kim Bek said.

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