



# **Terminal Automation for Next-Gen Ports**

**Electrification & data communication solutions for Port equipment** 





825 employees worldwide

100 %

Family owned since 1912



12 VAHLE subsidiaries worldwide and representations in 52 countries



€ 140 mil. in sales

# Headquarter Kamen, Germany

- Engineering
- Production
- Sales



# **Technology Center Automation Schwoich, Austria**

- Engineering
- Trend Scouting
- Training



# **VAHLE Group – Key Markets**



### **AMUSEMENT RIDES**

**ROLLER-COASTER** 



#### **PORT TECHNOLOGY**

**CONTAINER HANDLING** 



### **PEOPLE MOVER**

APM, CABLELINER, TRAMS





#### **AUTOMOTIVE**

EMS, SKILLET



#### **CRANE TECHNOLOGY**

STANDARD- AND PROCESS



#### **INTRALOGISTICS**

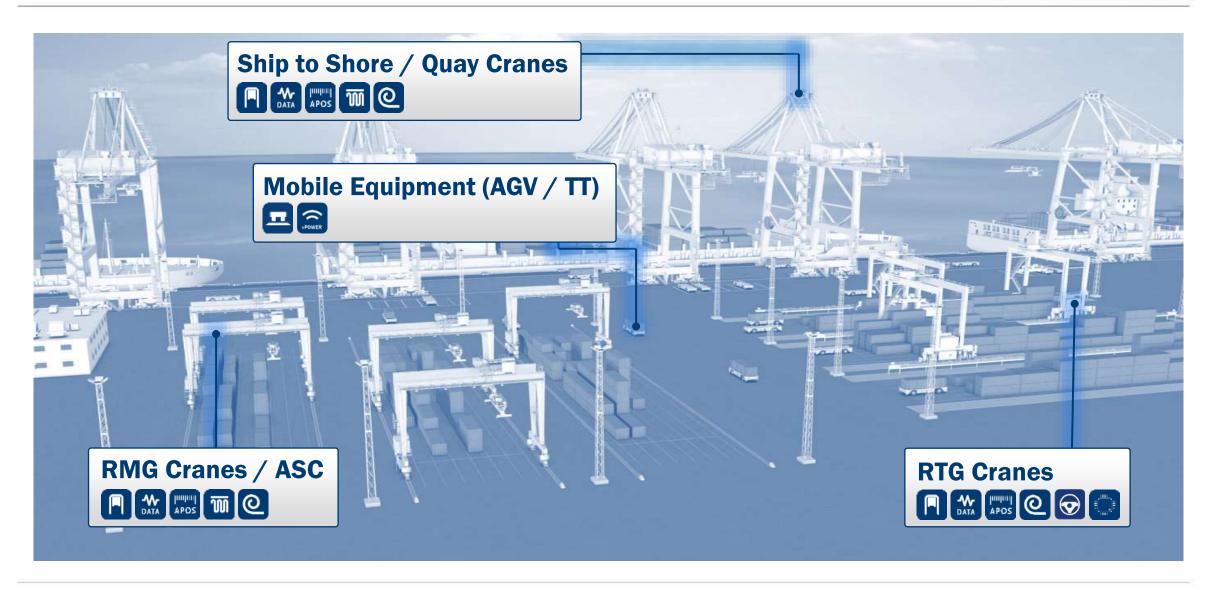
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# **Simplified Container Terminal Overview**

### **Portfolio of Equipment**





# **Hong Kong, Modern Terminals Limited**

### **Project success stories**





2011 - 2013



104 RTGs (retrofit & new cranes)



Electrification of 66 container blocks



# **Great Britain, HPH UK – Port of Felixstowe**

### **Project success stories**





2015 - today



Retrofit 66 RTGs

Greenfield

Berth 9: 8 new remote eRTGCs

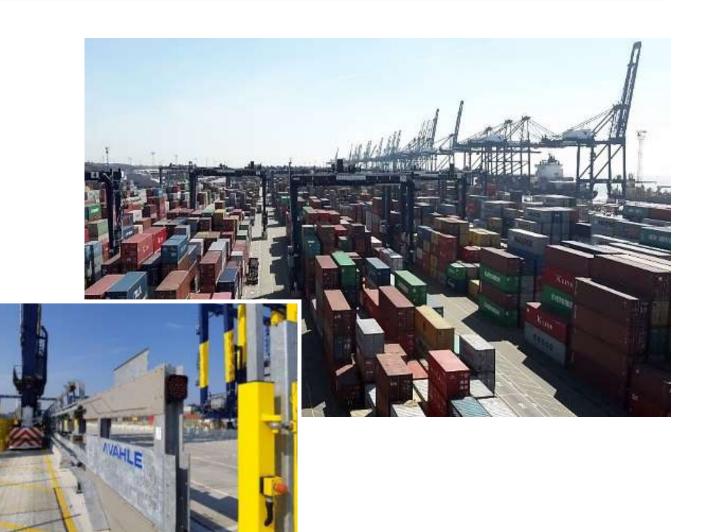


Retrofit 59 blocks (15,322 m) Greenfield

Berth 9: 8 container blocks



Automation ready with SMGX data communication and positioning



# **Thailand, HPT Laem Chabang – Terminal D**

**Greenfield Project Success Stories** 





2017 - today



Remote operation with 20 new AERTGCs



Automation of 20 container blocks in phase 1 – 5,040 m



Including SMGX data communication system



# **Norway, Yilport Oslo**

### **Brownfield Project Success Stories**





2014 - 2021



Plug-in solution for 8 new RTGCs + 3 RTGCs in 2021



Remote operation of 5 container blocks (1097 m) in Phase 1 + 2



Including SMGX data communication system

Remote crane operation







#### **Benefits of VAHLE Automation Solution**







#### **ECONOMIC**

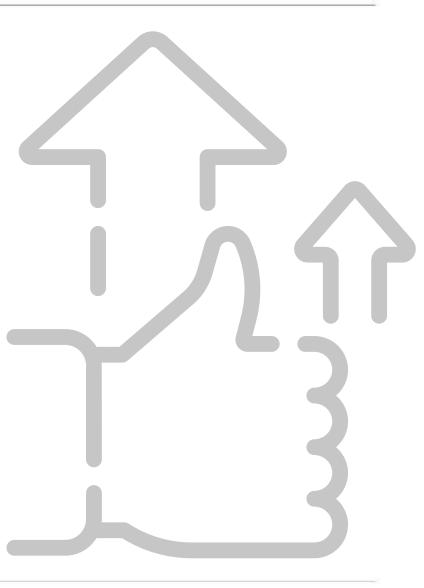
- Reduction of OPEX
- Personnel costs are saved
- Productivity is increased

#### **ECOLOGIC**

- Reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and noise pollution
- Greenification

#### **EFFICIENT**

- Simplification of work
- Increasing efficiency
- Human Safety





### **Electrification**

# **Positioning**

# Data communication

### **Automation**

- Electrification by conductor bars (1000 V, 1000 A with aluminum / stainless steel)
- Automated power Connection for block changes
- Automated seamless switching

- Absolute, precise positioning system
- Independent from external influences
- Contactless reading head
- Position accuracy up to **± 1 mm**
- PN / PB / Ethernet Interfaces for Plug and Play integration

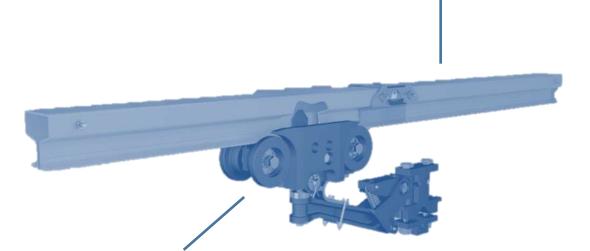
- Highly shielded data communication
- Up to 700 Mbit/s net rate
- Low latency times
- Interfaces ready for automation -Ethernet, Profinet and Profinet Safe
- Combination of electrification. positioning and data communication for remote control
- Power measurement
- optimization
- maintenance





#### **Characteristics**

- EN55022 Class A certified: no radio frequency device
- Lowest emission for safe and reliable operation
- Simultaneously video and data transmission with one device
- Coexistent with other radio systems
  - Antenna driving in/out of the rail without influencing the remaining devices
- Frequency band 2,4 or 5 to 5.8 Ghz
- Up to **400**m



**SMGX** data communication waveguide installed at the steel support structure

#### **SMGX** antenna

installed at the current collector trolley

### **SMGX Data Communication**

### **Facts & Figures**



#### **Bandwith**

- Scaleable by modular design (up to 700 Mbit/s (net rate))
  - Profinet
  - Ethernet (Video / TOS / Data)
  - o **ProfiSafe** (PROFIsafe SIL 3) cycle time 3 8 ms
    - Emergency-OFF category 3

### **Low latency**

- For remote operation (automation)
- SMGX latency for video data = < 5 ms</li>
- Average latency for video camera = 260 ms (e.g. brand Axis)
- Average latency for SMGX + camera = 265 ms
- PLC data latency = 3-8 ms (Cycle time SMG Transceiver)







### **Retrofitting ready for remote control**





### **Ship to Shore Crane**

#### **Operators benefits**

 Faster container handling through speed increase of the main hoist (trolley & lift)

- Higher container stacking level
- High availability and absolute reliable
- Optimized Total Cost of Ownership

#### **Technical benefits**

- Minimize weight movement
- High trolley speed, up to 600 m/min
- No influences by wind / heavy rain / ice
- No cable loops and no storage area
- Extremely low maintenance



**Unipole Conductor Rails + Data Communication for STS cranes** 



# The next Generation of crane technology neither uses Festoons nor Cable Chains for the trolley power supply





# **ZPMC STS cranes – Colombo International Container Terminal, Sri Lanka**

### **Retrofit Success story**





Each with 117 m system length Ready for remote operation



- 3 Phases + PE U35/230 AE
- 3 Phases U25/125 AE
- 1 SMGX data communication rail With Ethernet Interface



**Upgrade** of existing infrastructure



Including SMGX data communication system

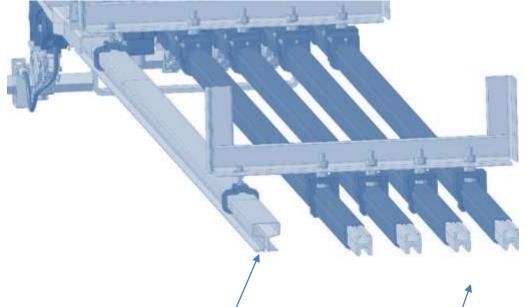






**Unipole Conductor Rails + Data Communication for STS cranes** 





Capacity: 1000V, up to 1000A

Protective insulation according VDE 0100

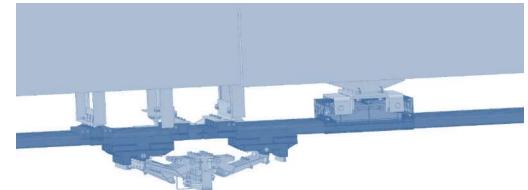
Shock-hazard protection according DIN VDE0470 (EN60529)

Multiple combinations available e.g. 4-pole, 6-pole, 8-pole, 12 pole etc.

#### **USMGX** schematic overview

Minimum 1 Slotted Microwave Guide Extreme (SMGX) to transfer PLC control and safety commands to the trolley.

Minimum 4 Unipole conductor rails for the trolley power supply. Quantity of conductor rails depends on STS type/electrical requirements!



### **Unipole Conductor Rails + Data Communication for STS cranes**







- **Automation** of STS cranes
  - Higher turnover rates through speed increase of the main hoist (trolley & lift)
  - Scalable sytem
  - 40% higher productivity



# **Remote operation** of STS cranes

- 2-phase arrangement:
  - 1. with driver in the cabin; 2. Driver at the remote desk
- Already realisied through ABB (Laem Chabang, Thailand, Maasvlakte II, Netherlands, DP World ... )
- High availability and high travel speeds (up to 300 m/min.) in conjunction with continuous **process monitoring** are very important

**Unipole Conductor Rails + Data Communication for STS cranes** 

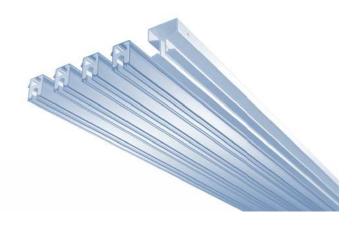




# Cable carrier festoon system for Super Post Panamax STS cranes

- 125 140 m system length
- Travel speed of the hoist -> 240 m/min. (wire rope hoist)

Material price range between 90 - 130.000 € per crane (depending on cable package)



### **USMG for Super Post Panamax STS cranes**

- U35/230 AE (8 poles)
- Heating system (if needed)
- SMGX

Material price range between 60 – 80.000 € per crane (depending on amount of signals)

### **Retrofitting ready for remote control**



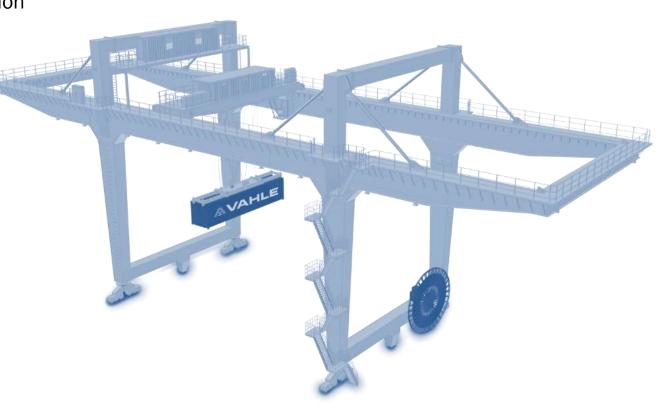
### RMG / ASC

#### **Operators benefits**

- Faster container handling through increased travel speed
- High availability and absolute reliable data communication and positioning system
- Optimized Total Cost of Ownership

#### **Technical benefits**

- Reduce weight on board of the ASC and cost of the ASC
- Reduce cost of control system
  - o no cable reel drive
  - o considerable smaller transformer and switch gear
- Increase speed and performance
- Extremely low maintenance



### **Retrofitting ready for remote control**



#### **eRTG**

#### **Operators benefits**

- Flexible yard operation
- Optimized OPEX by reduced fuel cost and idle time
- Reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> and noise pollution
- Smart / remote maintenance
- Optimized Total Cost of Ownership

#### **Technical benefits**

- Flexible yard operation
- Automatic connection system
- Autosteering
- Seamless synchronization
- Reduced GenSet maintenance cost



