

# Auto & RoRo Berth Inauguration Ceremony

On September 12, the Port of Wilmington celebrated the inauguration of its new dedicated Auto & RoRo Berth. The \$27.5 million berth is located 900 feet off shore, measures 875 feet long, 115 feet wide, and has 38-feet of water depth alongside. A 1.2 mile dedicated roadway connects the berth to vehicle processing and storage facilities and an adjacent 15-acre first point of rest.

The ribbon cutting ceremony included formal remarks by Ruth Ann Minner, Governor of the State of Delaware, and Nathan Hayward, III, Secretary of Transportation of the State of Delaware and Chairman of the DSPC Board of Directors. Other dignitaries attending were U.S. Senator Tom Carper; Gregory Smith, Chuck Domke and Ken Fletcher, of VW of America; Jim Butcher, of HUAL North America; Michael Pipia, of General Motors; Robert Martinez, of Norfolk Southern Corporation; and Roy Kirchner, of AutoPort, Inc. To officially inaugurate the berth, Governor Minner drove a new Audi A4 Cabrio convertible sedan off the VW transport vessel *M/V Brunschweig* onto the berth and through a traditional ribbon.



Attending the ceremony, from left to right: Tom Keefer, Director of Marketing and Trade Development, DSPC; unidentified guest; U.S. Senator Tom Carper; David Valentovich, Port Team Leader, VW of America; Gregory Smith, Executive Director Distribution and Logistics, VW of America; Robert Martinez, V.P. Marketing Services International, Norfolk Southern Corp.; Ken Fletcher, Executive Logistician Traffic and Transportation, VW of America; and Chuck Domke, Process Team Leader Transportation, VW of America.



From left to right are Ruth Ann Minner, Governor of the State of Delaware; Jim Butcher, President, HUAL North America; Michael Pipia, Port Operations Manager, GM; Adam McBride, Executive Director, DSPC; and Roy Kirchner, President, AutoPort, Inc.



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