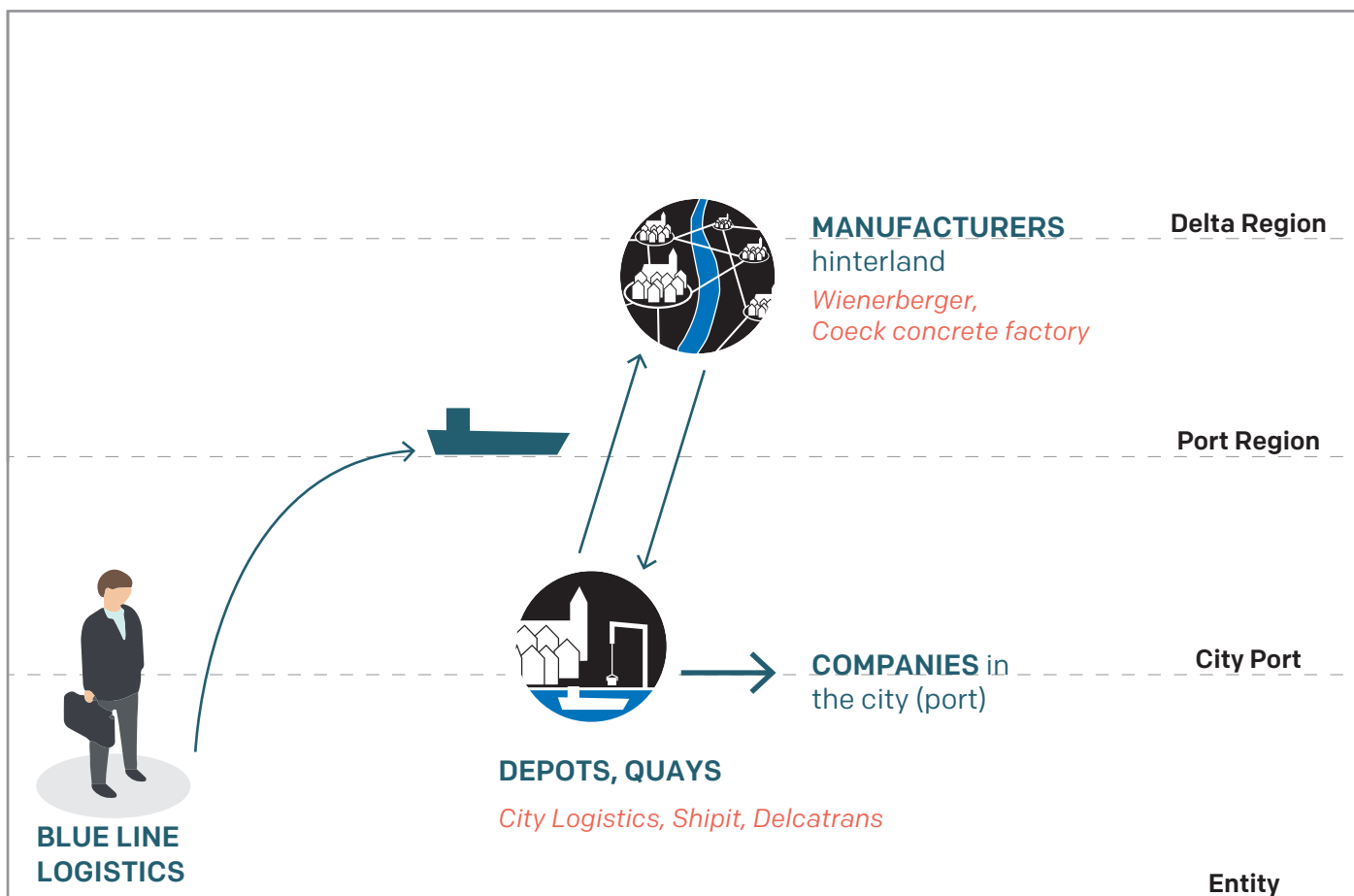
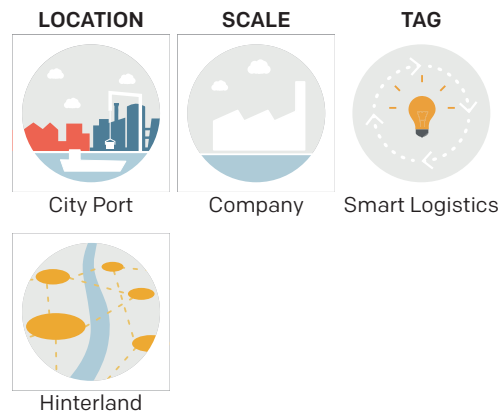


BLUE LINE LOGISTICS

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The new inland vessels, Zulu 01 and 02, can be used for city distribution.

What happens here?

A newly established shipping company that has designed and built boats suitable for palletised cargoes. The cargo can be driven directly on deck with a forklift. In this respect the ship can handle a cargo of 300 tons or 200 pallets and with its relatively limited draught is also very suitable for small waterways.

What is the relation with the port?

The boats are operative on the Scheldt, the Albert Canal and the canal from Antwerp to Brussels. As such the boat connects different kind of port to each other; production sites on the hinterland with companies in the city (port). From the city, packaging materials can be transhipped to recycling facilities located in industrial ports or sites.

What is the relation with the city?

Goods can be transhipped on a quay close to the city, where smaller trucks deliver the goods to consumers or producers in the city.

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Traditional inland vessels are not suitable for big bags and pallets. Thanks to the crane on the boat, there is no need for infrastructure on the quay.

What are the ambitions?

Offering an alternative transportation mode, with focus on smaller loads via inland waterways. Building materials, but also the retail sector and urban distribution could transport small quantities here more quickly and efficiently.

Who is behind it?

The ships were produced on the initiative of a private entrepreneur, in the region around Antwerp (Hemiksem and Rupelmonde). City Logistics, a part of bpost, has started in 2014 with the consolidation of goods of a number of large carriers destined for the city centre or for companies in the port area. From there they will be distributed by smaller trucks on different routes in the city and the port.