

Otto Wulf ro-ro nears take-off on Airbus trade



THE ship section builder BVT Brenn- und Verformtechnik Bremen, part of the Rönner group, has completed construction of the ro-ro vessel *Kugelbake* (pictured), which was ordered by the towage operator Otto Wulf in Cuxhaven, writes Ralf Witthohn.

The vessel was built in the former construction hall of Bremer Vulkan in Bremen and rolled out of the hall on a heavylift transport system.

After being towed on a pontoon to Lloyd Werft in Bremerhaven, the 80 m long vessel was floated in the yard's drydock at the weekend. After final fit-

ting-out work at SSW Shipyard, the *Kugelbake* is destined to carry aircraft parts between the German Airbus factories from the beginning of next year.

To date, the Airbus parts have been transported on pontoons but were often delayed during heavy weather.