

Press release

Launch of an intermodal rail connection between Bettembourg-Dudelange and Rostock

Dudelange, 15. December 2020 – Stena Line, LKW WALTER, Rostock Port and CFL multimodal are proud to announce the launch of a new rail connection between the Intermodal Terminal Bettembourg-Dudelange and the RTM Terminal at the Rostock Port on 11 January 2021.

Stena Line, LKW WALTER, Rostock Port and CFL multimodal successfully concluded a partnership agreement to expand their respective service offering. This new intermodal connection will be running with 3 roundtrips per week, transporting craneable and non-craneable trailers as well as containers.

The business partners are convinced that this regular intermodal service, connecting existing rail corridors (Lyon, Le Boulou) via Luxembourg to the Rostock Port and its ferry lines to Trelleborg is another significant step towards building a global European combined rail and ferry solution network.

This new train will also enable modal shift, with the transfer of an equivalent of 10.000 trucks from road to rail and CO2 savings of about 18.000 tCO2 per year.

“We have seen a strong demand among our customers for a regular intermodal service to and from the southern part of Western Europe including France and Spain to and from Scandinavia. We see a great potential in both directions with industry products such as wood, paper and steel from the north and fresh food, fruit and vegetables and consumer products from the south”, says Fredrik Johansson, Shipping Logistics Sales & Business Development Manager at Stena Line Group.

“This connection is a further expansion of our intermodal network within our “green transport” initiative. We are proud to offer our customers totally more than 200 rail and short sea connections for full truck load transportation across Europe contributing to environmental protection” says Günther Wiesinger, director operations LKW WALTER.

“As a Ferry and RoRo-Hub with connections to many Baltic Sea destinations, Rostock Port expands its hinterland not only to the BeNeLux countries but via connecting trains also to France, Spain and Great Britain respectively. We believe in the huge growth potential of this intermodal train for different kinds of cargo and thank CFL multimodal, Stena Line and LKW Walter for their great efforts”, says Dr. Gernot Tesch, Managing Director of ROSTOCK PORT GmbH.

“The launch of this new intermodal connection is a further significant step in the expansion of our network, connecting the intermodal terminal of Bettembourg-Dudelange with major ports and economic centers in Europe. CFL multimodal is committed to offer sustainable transport solutions for craneable and non-craneable trailers as well as containers to the market and to support its clients in their modal shift projects”, says Alain Krecké, Chief Commercial Officer CFL multimodal.



About Stena Line

Stena Line is one of Europe's leading ferry companies with 36 vessels and 18 routes in Northern Europe. Stena Line is an important part of the European logistics network and develops new intermodal freight solutions by combining transport by rail, road and sea. Stena Line also plays an important role for tourism in Europe with its extensive passenger operations. The company is family-owned, was founded in 1962 and is headquartered in Gothenburg. Stena Line is part of the Stena AB Group, which has about 16 000 employees and an annual turnover of around 37 billion SEK.

About LKW WALTER

The private company LKW WALTER, founded in 1924, is the leading transport organisation for full truck load transports throughout Europe and to/from Russia, Central Asia, the Middle East and North Africa. It is among the top 50 companies in Austria. The emphasis is on the transport of non-hazardous, packed goods - mainly from the consumer goods, wood and paper, chemical, metal, automotive and electronics industries. The transports are successfully carried out using modern low-emission trucks as well as the efficient alternative transport method of Combined transport Rail/Road and Short Sea Shipping, which are particularly environmentally friendly. In 2020, LKW WALTER handled more than 446,000 intermodal transports throughout Europe, saving more than 382,000 tonnes of CO2.

About ROSTOCK PORT

ROSTOCK PORT is the landlord of Germany's biggest Baltic seaport and operator of the ferry and ro/ro-terminal. The ferry and ro/ro-traffic contribute to approximately 60% of the port's total cargo volume. In 2019 about 530.000 freight units passed through the port on ferries and ro-ro vessels mainly to and from Denmark (Gedser), Sweden (Trelleborg), Finland (Hanko, Helsinki, Kotka, Rauma) and Lithuania (Klaipeda). A container shuttle between Rostock and Kaliningrad (Russia) completes the liner network. One unique feature of the port is the option to load conventional rail wagons on the ferries of Stena Line to Trelleborg in Sweden. Additionally, ROSTOCK PORT is co-owner of the company operating the intermodal transport terminal. More than 88.500 intermodal units were handled in 2019 with a healthy growth during (in) the actual (current business) year.

About CFL multimodal

CFL multimodal is a logistics service provider, covering the entire logistics chain. With 12 companies in 6 European countries, CFL multimodal and its sister company CFL cargo offer a broad, high-quality and customized service portfolio: combined and conventional rail freight, wagon maintenance and repairs, customs clearance, as well as forwarding and logistics services. In Luxembourg, the activities of CFL multimodal center on the intermodal terminal Bettembourg-Dudelange in the Eurohub South Logistics Park. Located on the Rail Freight Corridor 2 (North Sea-Mediterranean) and at the crossroads of the North-South and East-West transport routes, the terminal is ideally positioned as an international hub for the consolidation of multimodal transport flows across Europe and beyond. With a total yearly capacity of 600.000 units and equipped with the latest technology in terms of security and surveillance, the intermodal terminal is connected by combined train shuttles to the main ports and industrial regions.



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