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Inauguration of expanded entry track at Kiel's shunting station Longer trains for seaport's hinterland transport

(Kiel, 7th November 2019) The structure and technics at Kiel's shunting station in Meimersdorf have been enhanced in such a way that freight trains with an effective length of 740 m (535 m before) can enter and exit the station as of now. On the occasion of an official ceremony taking place on 7th November the Management Representative of the Deutsche Bahn AG for the Federal States of Hamburg, Bremen, Lower Saxony and Schleswig-Holstein, Manuela Herbort, inaugurated the optimised entry track together with Kiel's Lord Mayor Dr Ulf Kämpfer, City President Hans-Werner Tovar and PORT OF KIEL Managing Director Dr Dirk Claus. Manuela Herbort: "The shunting station Meimersdorf is of major importance for the growing rate of rail traffic from and to the seaport of Kiel. The new entry track enables the management of longer trains as of now and thus strengthens the competitive position of the hinterland railway transport." The port of Kiel expects a growth rate of 25 % in combined traffic for next year already. In addition to the existing connections of the Kombiverkehr KG company, which link Kiel to the national and European rail network, there will be a 670 m long direct train of CFL Cargo to Bettembourg in Luxemburg to start operations in January. PORT OF KIEL Managing Director Dirk Claus: "The expanded entry track is directly needed by the port and has been made available precisely at the right time."

Kiel-Meimersdorf belongs to the 17 railway projects in Germany that have been realised by the company of Deutsche Bahn within the scope of the federal immediate action programme "Seaport Hinterland Transport II". Lord Mayor Dr Ulf Kämpfer: "Kiel is committed to climate protection and road traffic reduction. We are at a turnaround point regarding our mobility and it comes with it that goods will be transported to the hinterland by rail whenever possible." In order to enable the entry of longer freight trains into the shunting station, track no. 9 has been redesigned and optimized in terms of length and the signal and control technology has been adapted. The track has been newly electrified, connected to the existing track system and after installing a switch it has also been linked to the route leading to Kiel Ostuferhafen. The total value amounts to 7.9 million Euros. PORT OF KIEL Managing Director Dr Dirk Claus: "The enhancement of the shunting station increases the efficiency of rail



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freight transport in the entire region. I want to thank all partners who have been involved in planning and implementing this very important project for the port in the last couple of years and who have been committed to make it work.” Here at Kiel’s shunting station the combined transport train service from Hamburg-Billwerder arrives every workday as well as the direct trains from Italy. The trains are split in Meimersdorf and then go on to the terminals of Schwedenkai, Norwegenkai and Ostuferhafen to get a direct connection to the ferries to Scandinavia and to the Baltic States. In addition, block trains, chartered trains, wagon groups and wagonload freight are accepted.



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