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New intermodal train connection from Bettembourg to Kiel Modal shift to rail transport reduces climate gas emissions

(Kiel, 21st January 2020) In close cooperation the companies of CFL multimodal, Stena Line and LKW Walter have initiated a new direct intermodal train connection between the intermodal terminal of Bettembourg-Dudelange and the Schwedenkai Terminal in Kiel for onward transshipment to Gothenburg. The first train left Luxembourg this Tuesday (21st January) and will arrive in Kiel on 22nd January. The connection commences operations with three runs in each direction per week with departures from Kiel on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. This new service links the Scandinavian markets with central Europe, France and Spain via the intermodal hub of Bettembourg.

Dr Dirk Claus, Managing Director at the PORT OF KIEL: “We appreciate the new connection and support the expansion of intermodal traffic. The BLUE PORT Strategy of our port implies that we shift hinterland transports from the roads to railway transport whenever possible. The new connection between Bettembourg and Kiel contributes substantially to the reduction of emissions.” The train is 710 m long and consists of 21 carrying wagons for trailers and containers. Through this train up to 10,000 trailers and containers can be shifted per year from the roads to the more eco-friendly mode of rail transport. This year the PORT OF KIEL already expects 8,000 load units to be transported between Kiel and Bettembourg.

In order to push the ecologically advantageous shift of transport units from the roads to rail and sea, some important infrastructural foundations have been laid in the meantime. The investments by the German Railway at the shunting station Kiel allow for longer trains and thus enhance the economic efficiency. Hence, trains with an overall length of 750 m (550 m before) can now enter the Rbf Kiel-Meimersdorf and a third shunting track is ready for usage at the Schwedenkai Terminal. Here, no less than 25 % of the hinterland transport units are transhipped by rail these days already. After nearly 24,000 load units were transhipped by rail last year this number is expected to increase to well over 30,000 this year.



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“The new intermodal train is one example of the shore-side transport options that Stena Line proactively devises together with its partners and which it markets directly to the customers. The cooperation with CFL multimodal and LKW Walter demonstrates a new way of thinking in the organisation of more sustainable logistics. We see a high potential also for the future and we are working at high pressure to establish attractive intermodal relations to Sweden”, says Katrin Verner, Freight Commercial Manager Stena Line.



About Stena Line

Since its foundation in 1962 the Swedish shipping company of Stena Line has developed into one of the biggest ferry companies in the world currently employing approx. 5,000 staff. In 2018, the fleet transported more than 7.6 million passengers, 1.7 million cars and 2.1 million cargo units between The Netherlands and Great Britain, on the Irish Sea as well as on the Baltic Sea between Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Poland, Latvia and Germany. The fleet consists of 38 vessels today serving 20 different routes. In addition, the company offers comprehensive package deals and services. In Germany, Stena Line operates from four ports and two locations, i.e. the headquarters of Stena Line GmbH & Co. KG in Rostock and the office in Kiel.

About CFL intermodal

The CFL multimodal group stands for a global service provider covering all aspects of the multi-modal logistics chain. Represented by 12 companies in 6 European countries, CFL multimodal and its affiliate company called CFL cargo offer a high-quality and custom-tailored portfolio of services to their customers: intermodal and conventional railway transport, wagon maintenance and repair, customs clearance as well as forwarding and logistics services. In Luxemburg CFL multimodal concentrates its activities on the intermodal terminal Bettembourg-Dudelange at the Eurohub Sud Logistik Park. Due to its strategic and advantageous location on the Rail Freight Corridor 2 (North Sea - Mediterranean) and right on the main axes of the European transport routes, this multi-modal hub can unite multi-modal transport flows on a European scale and beyond. With an



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annual capacity of 600,000 UTIs and equipped with state-of-the-art security and surveillance technology the intermodal terminal Bettembourg-Dudelange is linked with the main sea ports as well as with the major industry regions through combined shuttle trains.

About the PORT OF KIEL

The PORT OF KIEL is one of the most versatile ports in the Baltic region. The ferry connections to Scandinavia and to the Baltic States belong to the core business of the port. Daily departures to Norway, Sweden and Lithuania offer optimal opportunities to freight customers to ship their goods to the target markets in the Baltic region.

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