

*Expansion in times of recession***Hector Rail and ERS expand cooperation**

Hector Rail AB and ERS Railways B.V., have agreed to expand the rail product offering between Gävle and Göteborg from three to four departures per week and to include a call to Södertälje, in the vicinity of Stockholm.

Tetra Pak has entrusted a major shipping line with the transportation of a large portion of its cardboard production in Gävle to Tetra Pak's customers around the world. To meet this request the present shuttle service between Gävle and the Port of Göteborg, which has been running well for more than one year, is being expanded to four departures per week.

After a successful first year, going from an initial two to three departure per week, ERS Railways is confident with the increased demand and good customer support to increase the number of departures to four per week. Hector Rail will continue to provide high quality, reliable traction for this product in good cooperation with ERS Railways.

The addition of a Södertälje call will initially be served once per week and can be expanded according to demand. Arrival and departure times at the container terminal in Göteborg are closely aligned to ERS Railways' customers' requirements.

"We are pleased with the continued confidence shown in Hector Rail from a chain of extremely reputable companies," says Mats Nyblom, Managing Director of Hector Rail AB. "Electrically powered trains and large-scale sea transports constitute a future-oriented sustainable arrangement that fulfils today's demands for climate and environmental adaptation."

"ERS Railways is a leading intermodal railway company with own traction on a significant part of its 225 weekly departures in Continental Europe. In Sweden we looked carefully for a traction provider that could partner with us to meet the highest standards required by our customers and shareholder. Hector Rail, with its proven track record, has fully met our expectations and delivered a quality service" explains Alan Gibson, CEO ERS Railways.

Hector Rail AB is an independent line haul provider, active in Scandinavia and Germany. Independent means that Hector Rail is not associated with any State or other transport entity. Through independence and focus on customers' needs, and with its own railway technical expertise, Hector Rail offers its customers concrete added value. Shippers, major goods owners and other railway companies make up the most important customer groups. Hector Rail currently produces about 10,000 train-kilometers each day.

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