

Container trains: Gävle – Port of Göteborg

Hector Rail and ERS Railways sign new agreement

Hector Rail and ERS Railways have signed an agreement for rail transports between Gävle and Göteborg. The transports consist of containers and link Gävle with global shipping routes. The period of the agreement is three years with an option for an additional two years. Initially, two trains per week will be operated but the parties hope to increase this frequency.

Tetra Pak has entrusted Maersk to handle a major portion of its transportation of cardboard produced in Gävle for further shipment to Tetra Pak's customers around the world. To be able to carry out this undertaking, Maersk needed a land connection between Gävle and the Port of Göteborg that fulfilled the stipulated demands for cost efficiency and quality. Maersk commissioned ERS Railways to create such a transport solution.

After careful market and service level evaluation Hector Rail was chosen as the traction provider for their excellent proven track record.

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

“ERS Railways is a major train operator on the Continent. ERS Railways is extremely pleased with the co-operation with Hector Rail to establish this new service. This is a strategically important step to launch the ERS Railways product in Sweden and hopefully will lead to further opportunities for development and expansion in Scandinavia,” explains Alan Gibson, CEO of ERS.

Service has already begun.

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