

From road to rail between Scandinavia and the continent**Hector Rail to power intermodal trains Oslo -- Padborg**

From Saturday 7 November Hector Rail will start to run trains between Oslo and Padborg in Denmark. Hector Rail will act as a subcontractor to TX Logistik, which has created a non-stop service Oslo -- Rotterdam for Bring Frigoscandia and Bring Logistics. The contract with TX Logistik has duration of three years and will employ one locomotive with the special equipment needed to cross the Öresund Bridge. Hector Rail has ten such locomotives in its locomotive fleet. These locomotives are capable of operation in Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Germany.

Between Padborg and Rotterdam TX Logistik deploys their locomotives. The total trip through five countries takes less than 30 hours.

The goods from Norway are mainly designated for Benelux and France. Until now, Bring has used trucks for the transport. Each train will replace 32 trailers. Pick-up and distribution services will be made with modern Euro 5 trucks, the most environmentally-friendly trucks available on the market today. Also the locomotives meet highest possible environmental standards, since they are equipped with regenerative brakes.

“We are proud to be part of such a future oriented transport solution” states Mats Nyblom Managing Director of Hector Rail, “and with future oriented we mean short lead times, high quality and to meet highest possible demands on climate and environmental impact”

Initially, the frequency will be once a week in each direction. It is planned to increase the number of round trips in 2010.

Hector Rail AB is an independent line haul provider in Scandinavia and Germany. As an independent operator, Hector Rail is not tied to any national or other transport company. By being independent and focused on meeting client needs through its own state of the art railway technology expertise, Hector Rail offers its clients tangible added value. Hauliers, large goods owners and other rail companies are the most important client groups. Hector Rail currently covers around 10,000 rail kilometres a day.

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