

***More timber on rail*****SCA Skog increases volumes with Hector Rail**

**Since January 2008 Hector Rail runs almost 2 million cubic meters of timber per year for the customer SCA Skog in mid Norrland, the so-called Töva system. This system connects the timber terminals in the hinterland with the SCA mills Östrand and Ortviken (Sundsvall area) and also external mills in Iggesund and Örnsköldsvik / Husum. This operation will now be increased in capacity by approximately 15%.**

Since its inception, Hector Rail has in this operation engaged a total of seven electric locomotives, one diesel locomotive and 94 four-axle timber wagons in the traffic for SCA. Every train load means approximately 2000 tonnes of timber, which corresponds to 50 units of 24-meter timber trucks (it would be a queue of 1.2 km if the trucks would be standing right next to each other).

Capacity is now increasing with a wagon set of half this size to meet SCA Skog increased volume requirements. New destinations are also expected to come, such as the saw mill in Bollsta.

- We are pleased to have this extended trust, explains Mats Nyblom, Managing Director of Hector Rail, now we consolidate our position as the largest private carrier of timber on rail with an annual volume of nearly three million tonnes.

- We see the agreement as a natural development of the fruitful cooperation with Hector Rail, says Henry Sakari purchasing manager at SCA Skog AB.

The increased capacity is expected to be in place this summer and means in addition to new wagons, one additional electric and one additional diesel locomotives and a number of additional drivers

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