

***Three times per week Nässjö -- Herne***

## **Van Dieren Maritime extends operations with Hector Rail**

**Hector Rail and Van Dieren Maritime have agreed to develop their mutual business between Sweden and the continent. With beginning on the 11<sup>th</sup> of September three round trips / week between Nässjö in Sweden and Herne in the Ruhr area will be added to the existing operation of five round trips / week Katrineholm – Herne. Both the old and the new operations are based on the same concept with through going locomotives all the way between Germany and Sweden via the fixed link through Denmark**

The co-operation between the companies started in January 2008 with the first direct trains ever between Scandinavia and the continent.

Van Dieren Maritime, a wholly owned subsidiary of Samskip, has developed a highly successful concept for door-to-door solutions based on intermodal loading equipment and its own complete trains. The trains can carry all kinds of containers and trailers including so called Mega-trailers.

“We are pleased and proud about the extended confidence that Van Dieren Maritime is exhibiting in Hector,” says Mats Nyblom, MD of Hector Rail AB. “Van Dieren Maritime’s forward-looking concept focuses on quality and environmental needs.”

“Our offer to the market which combines cost efficiency and low environmental impact is proven successful and our operations expand,” says Johan Logtenberg, MD of Van Dieren Maritime. “We are happy to take this step with Hector Rail and together develop our intermodal concept.”

Like all contemporary electric locomotives, those used by Hector Rail have electric brakes that generate power that can be re-fed into the railway's system and used by its other vehicles. Using this type of locomotive is the most environmentally friendly approach to providing land-based transport.

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