

***Hector Rail part of one of Europe's biggest rail freight operations*****Renewal of contract with ScandFibre means 50% growth**

**Hector Rail and ScandFibre Logistics have signed a new contract. The operations start on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2010 and the contract will have a length of six years. Compared to the current contract, in operation since June 2005, Hector Rail will also be responsible for international traction services. The new contract means a growth of approximately 50 % compared to the current contract. For example, the new contract will demand six locos in daily operation compared to four locos in the existing contract.**

ScandFibre Logistics is owned by a number of paper companies located in Sweden. The paper companies consolidate their volumes into ScandFibre and ScandFibre creates an innovative rail logistics concept. The concept is one of the largest rail freight operations in Europe with a transported volume of 2.4 million tons. Since June 2005 Hector Rail has been one of the major suppliers to the so called Rail 99 system.

From 12<sup>th</sup> December, the Rail 99 system will be succeeded by the even bigger Rail 11 System. Hector Rail has from that day and for the coming six years been awarded with an extended responsibility. Hector Rail will run almost two million train kilometres yearly.

“We are pleased and proud about the extended confidence that ScandFibre Logistics is exhibiting in Hector Rail,” says Mats Nyblom, MD of Hector Rail AB. “ScandFibre sets new standards in how big freight volumes can be organised and managed, and we are excited about the fact we are a part of this concept.”

In the new contract Hector Rail will run trains from Iggesund, Sweden in the North to Dortmund, Germany in the South. Other locations served by Hector Rail will be Gävle, Norrköping, Hallsberg and Malmö in Sweden and Hamburg-Maschen in Germany.

*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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