

CONNECT 4!: Safety, environmental protection, efficiency and cost-effectiveness in Europe's largest intermodal network

- Kombiverkehr KG exhibiting at the transport logistic trade fair in Munich from 9 to 12 May
- New trains and increased capacity in the network
- Future project: Digitisation of intermodal supply chains
- Special trade fair offer for new TOMLIFT customers

(Frankfurt am Main/Munich, 9 May 2017) **Frankfurt-based Kombiverkehr KG, Europe's largest provider of intermodal transport solutions, will be exhibiting at this year's edition of the respected transport logistic trade fair in Munich. The company is promoting the advantages of intermodal transport in a campaign entitled "CONNECT 4!". Safety, environmental protection, efficiency and cost effectiveness are just some of the key factors in the sustainable transport of freight and commodities for forwarders, logistics companies, industry and commerce. Kombiverkehr combines these qualities with Europe's largest network for shifting freight from the roads to the railways, where capacity has again been expanded just recently. Kombiverkehr will be informing trade fair visitors about new developments in the network and future activities connected with digitisation as of today until 12 May in Hall B6 on Stand 305/406. The company also has a special trade fair offer to support the work being done by Transport Innovation GmbH to make non-cranable semitrailers suitable for vertical handling by fitting an assembly set for grapples pockets.**

Over 170 daily train departures in 30 European countries

Kombiverkehr uses intermodal solutions to link 30 European countries in an efficient and eco-friendly rail network. Thanks to direct trains and gateway services, customers in the freight forwarding and logistics sector have access to around 15,000 connections every day. The backbone of the international **eu.NETdirect+** network is built by more than 850 continental train departures every week. This offering is complemented by special hinterland services from the ports of Rotterdam and Antwerp in the **eu.NETmaritime** network. Kombiverkehr links 21 commercial centres with overnight services in **de.NETdirect+**, Germany's biggest intermodal network. Completely CO₂-free transport using energy from wind and water power can be requested when booking these services.

New trains and increased capacity in the network

Kombiverkehr expanded its range of products and services at the start of the year. Since the beginning of January 2017, for example, a new international train has been operating between Duisburg-Ruhrort Hafen and Moerdijk in the Netherlands in the **eu.NETdirect+** network. Yesterday, a wagon group was added to and from Ludwigshafen and the total number of weekly departures was increased to five in each direction. With the volume of transport between Germany and Italy continuing to rise, Kombiverkehr has added another ten weekly departures to the existing number of trains to and from Verona. This means that the company now provides a total of 120 weekly train departures on the main alpine crossing via the Brenner Pass. The frequency of services has been upped on the following individual routes: Hamburg – Verona v.v. from three departures to five; Ludwigshafen BASF – Verona v.v. from six weekly departures in each direction to eight; Kiel – Verona v.v. from two weekly round trips to three. Freight forwarding customers who do business with the seaport of Rostock are profiting from an increase in train services to and from Duisburg, with weekly departures now numbering five. The Frankfurt-based operator has rounded off its recently completed network expansion in rail-bound terminal-to-terminal transport by offering a new weekly train service between the seaport of Rostock and Wels in Austria. It is possible to use the multimodal services to and from Turkey – which can include ferry services as well as rail transport – to reach the port terminal in Alsancak from Trieste as well as the Turkish ports of Ambarli, Haydarpasa, Pendik, Mersin and Cesme.

Digitisation of intermodal supply chains

Kombiverkehr has already set the standard in the intermodal transport sector by designing, programming and implementing a variety of digital applications. At the same time, with each new application the company has achieved noticeable improvements in the quality of the information chain for the users of the road-rail transport system. Information gaps nevertheless exist in today's intermodal supply chain and Kombiverkehr would like to close them by undertaking a joint project with partner companies.

The aim of the mFUND project "Digitisation of intermodal supply chains" is to make the complex logistical process more transparent and manageable from the users' point of view. As digitisation gathers pace and customers call for more transparency in the supply chain, all the project partners are well aware that a standardised information network developed in close collaboration is the only way to improve the quality of the flow of information at a vertical level between forwarders, CT operators, rail freight companies and infrastructure providers. The core remit of the project is therefore the intelligent merging of data fragments and the corresponding processing for different users. The project is intended to deliver a common data hub with standardised interfaces for the electronic exchange of order, timetable and status data which has been specifically designed and implemented for the requirements in Combined Transport.

New for the trade fair: EUR 555 credit balance for new TOMLIFT customers

There is an effective and innovative solution for freight forwarders and carriers with existing, non-cranable equipment who wish to integrate intermodal road-rail services into their transport chains. The company Transport Innovation has developed the "TOMLIFT" assembly set, a retrofit system which allows semi-trailers to be equipped retroactively with grapple pockets and thus makes them liftable by crane. This technical innovation is aimed at box-type and temperature-controlled vehicles as well as curtainsiders. The system is made in Germany and is universally suitable for all vehicle manufacturers and type series, TÜV-tested, ISO- and CE-certified. The weight has now been optimised to under 300 kilograms. The system can be installed by authorised workshops in Germany. If the vehicle is subsequently sold, the assembly set can be dismantled without undue effort and expense. TOMLIFT is being presented to trade visitors on Stand 704/8 in the outdoor area. Kombiverkehr KG is supporting new customers of Transport Innovation who invest in a TOMLIFT assembly set by offering a credit balance of EUR 555.00 to transport the retrofitted trailer in the **de.NET direct+** or **eu.NET direct+** network.



Combined transport services in 30 European countries: Frankfurt-based Kombiverkehr KG presents the biggest intermodal European rail network at transport logistic in Munich in Hall B6 on Stand 305/406

About Kombiverkehr:

Founded in 1969, as Europe's number 1 operator in intermodal transport Kombiverkehr Deutsche Gesellschaft für kombinierten Güterverkehr mbH & Co KG develops, organises and markets an international rail network that offers forwarders and transport companies an intelligent combination of the advantages of road, rail and ship. Kombiverkehr provides over 170 train departures with more than 15,000 connections for the cost-effective, secure and environmentally friendly transport of freight across Europe every night. The limited partnership is owned by some 230 national and international forwarders and transport companies as well as Deutsche Bahn AG. Headquartered in Frankfurt am Main, the company shifted a total of 985,424 million truck consignments (1.97 million TEU) from road to rail in 2016, saving the environment over one million tonnes of harmful carbon dioxide emissions. In 2015 the 147 full-time equivalent staff achieved sales of 446.6 million euros.

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