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NEW OPERATOR EUROPE INTERMODAL JOINS THE EUROPEAN INTERMODAL TRANSPORT MARKET

"Bosporus-Europe-Express" to start on the Munich - Ljubljana - Halkali v.v. route on 30 March

(Istanbul, 1 st April 2008). Europe Intermodal, a joint venture between the German Kombiverkehr GmbH & Co KG and the Slovenian Adria Kombi d.o.o. in drugi k.d., is commencing operative and commercial business on 30 March with its new "Bosporus-Europe-Express (BEEEX)" train offering intermodal transport to and from Turkey.

This new route integrates Halkali, Istanbul's largest container terminal, into the European block train network of Kombiverkehr and Adria Kombi. The train will initially run once a week in both directions on the Munich - Ljubljana - Halkali route. The closing time for acceptance of shipments from Halkali is 16:00 on Wednesdays. Slovenia and Germany will be reached in four to six days.

The shared usage of the Kombiverkehr and Adria Kombi networks currently in existence delivers considerable benefits for the haulage industry. National and international trains can be combined optimally on the Gateway system principle, opening up access to key economic regions throughout Europe. In Germany the main Gateway terminal is Munich-Riem, which offers connections to the Ruhrgebiet, the port of Rotterdam in the west and the German Baltic Sea ports with the option of onward shipment to northern Europe. At the Ljubljana hub in Slovenia, loading units can be transferred to trains heading for other terminals not only in Slovenia but also in Hungary, Austria and northern Italy. Gateway services at Munich-Riem and Ljubljana are co-ordinated so that connections to Turkey - from the Ruhrgebiet or northern Italy, for instance - can be reached in six to seven days.

Additional departures for the "Bosporus-Europe-Express" are already being planned for the second half of the year. The aim is to increase frequency in the future to daily departures. As well as the containers (20 to 40 feet) that can currently be shipped, if required semi-trailers and mega-trailers are also to be transported in the future.

Upward trend in transport with Turkey

Western and central European transport companies are increasingly turning their attention to eastern and southeastern Europe. "Germany is now one of Turkey's most important trade partners in both imports and exports", says Pulat Erginbas, managing director of Europe Intermodal. "Our new "Bosporus-Europe-Express" product will ensure the rapid and reliable exchange of goods between the two countries". The advantages of rail freight traffic over pure road transport in this corridor are obvious. In contrast to pure road transport, Europe Intermodal can offer a consistent shipping price that is not subject to any seasonal fluctuation. Turkish transport companies, that shift their transports ex Turkey from road to rail with Europe Intermodal, do not have to pay additional costs for road permissions to pass member states of the European Union. Increases in the payload up to four tons, the covering of long distances without road charge, short journey times, a quick customs handling while border crossing and the active contribution to environmental protection through less CO₂-intensive rail transport are all further arguments for switching to Combined Road-Rail Transport.

Europe Intermodal to present itself at the IRU Congress

Anyone interested in intermodal road-rail transport between western and southeastern Europe will have their first opportunity to talk to representatives of Europe Intermodal, Kombiverkehr and Adria Kombi about the subject their information stand at the Congress of the IRU (International Road Transport Union) to be held in Istanbul on 15 and 16 May. The company's presentation will focus on the "Bosporus-Europe-Express" and the opportunities presented by this train service for the Turkish market.

About Europe Intermodal:

Europe Intermodal is one of the first Turkish operators who get involved in the intermodal road-rail transport sector. Headquartered in Istanbul, the company was founded in October 2007 as a joint venture by the German Kombiverkehr GmbH & Co KG and Slovenian Adria Kombi d.o.o. in drugi k.d..

Europe Intermodal has set itself the goal of offering services in intermodal road-rail traffic between western and southeastern Europe for transport companies and developing these services in the long term. Towards all the clients, Europe Intermodal acts always neutral. Europe Intermodal's services also include offering advice to logistics companies looking to change their shipping systems over to less CO₂-intensive and hence more environmentally-friendly intermodal road-rail transport.

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