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HLA Intermodal

## Metrans Takes Over Container Terminal in Krems

**HLA's subsidiary Metrans has acquired the company which operates the trimodal container terminal in the Austrian port of Krems on the Danube. The company was taken over from Mierka Donauhafen Krems GmbH & Co. KG. The terminal will now provide a direct link between the German seaports and the economic region of Lower Austria.**

"The new site at Krems allows us to expand our Metrans network with a terminal that is strategically well-placed in the centre of Lower Austria. It offers excellent conditions for extending Austrian traffic to and from the European seaports we serve," explained Jiri Samek, Managing Director of Metrans. To start with, three pairs of trains per week will link Krems with Hamburg and Bremerhaven. Over the course of the next year, this should increase to five pairs of trains.

The trimodal container terminal in the Danube port of Krems is linked via train, roads and inland waterways. The site, with an area of 30,000 m<sup>2</sup> and four 680-metre-long sidings, fulfils all the criteria for a comprehensive range of services in maritime container logistics. To this end, Metrans is using its high-performance hub-and-shuttle system to focus on its own terminals, wagons and locomotives as well as complete customer service dealing with rail container transport.

For Hubert Mierka, Managing Partner of the long-established Mierka Donauhafen Krems GmbH & Co. KG, Metrans is therefore an ideal partner for the further development of the Danube port: "Together with Metrans, we want to build on our position as a multimodal freight station offering tailor-made logistics solutions by strengthening maritime logistics here. Metrans' broad portfolio of services and customer neutrality match our business model perfectly." The terminal is already being used by renowned shipping companies and forwarding agencies. Metrans provides the full range of container services including a depot for empty containers, storage and repair.

HLA's subsidiary Metrans now links the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Austria as well as southern and eastern Germany with Germany's seaports and the Slovenian port of Koper on the Adriatic Sea by means of high-performance rail services and hubs. More than 70 shuttle trains run back and forth between Prague and Hamburg alone every week. Metrans owns and operates seven inland terminals. Of these, the facilities in Prague (Czech Republic) and Dunajská Streda (Slovakia) act as hubs which pool large volumes of freight before transporting them onwards throughout the region. The five other Metrans terminals are end terminals in Zlín, Plzeň and

Ostrava (all Czech Republic), Košice (Slovakia) and now Krems in Austria, too. The Krems traffic will also be linked with the German seaports via the new hub terminal in Česká Třebová (Eastern Bohemia/Czech Republic), which Metrans will bring into operation next year.

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