



PRESS RELEASE

IMS RAIL Switzerland and Hannibal SpA (Contship Italia Group) together for a new direct shuttle train between the container terminals in Frenkendorf (near Basel) and Melzo (east of Milan/Italy).

- The new shuttle train will take advantages from daily connections offered by Sogemar from/to Melzo to the Italian seaports of Genova (VTE), Genova (SECH), La Spezia (La Spezia Container Terminal) and Ravenna (Terminal Container Ravenna).
- The rail service will be available twice per week in both directions offering a competitive transit time (A-B). The train hauls all the standard maritime and continental transport units being also able to accept - on request - the transport of road trailers.

Milano, 23rd May 2013 – **IMS RAIL Switzerland** and **Hannibal S.p.A.**, the supply chain intermodal integrator of Contship Italia Group, have started to operate a new shuttle train between the container terminals in **Frenkendorf** (near Basel) and Melzo (**est of Milan/Italy**).

The new shuttle train is offering a competitive transit time (A-B) taking advantages from daily connections offered by Sogemar, the Contship Italia Group's domestic intermodal arm, to/from the Italian seaports of **Genova (VTE)**, **Genova (SECH)**, **La Spezia (LSCT)** and **Ravenna (TCR)**.

The new rail service will haul all the standard maritime and continental transport units from 20ft to 45ft containers as well as flat, and tank. Moreover, it also will be able to accept - on request - the transport of road trailers, based on the special rail wagons availability.

Melzo intermodal hub, today offers perfect conditions for the maritime trades as well as the continental ones, thanks to its particular technical and organizational conditions. A real link between land and sea located in one of the main industrial areas of Italy. This shuttle train will be very competitive for all the cargo flows destined/originated in North Italy. Excellent delivery and transit times will advantage clients overcoming delays caused by the heavy road congestion around Milano and Lombardia region.

This new connection Frenkendorf - Melzo, transforms into reality the dream of a link between the major economic regions in Switzerland and the Italian ports. A desire remained for a long time only on paper for many shippers and Swiss economic actors. The service will also allow a better distribution of traffic flows to Switzerland currently focused on the North Europe range ports offering an alternative solution through Italian seaports which will provide effective transit times from/to the Far East markets.

In addition, based on the efficient network domestic rail connections, IMS Rail offers the possibility of overnight rail delivery at any Swiss final destination.



HANNIBAL Spa

Hannibal SpA, is a Contship Italia Group subsidiary providing intermodal links over the Alps. Hannibal connects the main Italian ports to central and North European industrial areas providing pure rail transport as well as intermodal solutions. The concept is simple: to use Italy's favorably located Med ports to create an inland north-south corridor. Hannibal is aiming to fulfill the needs of its customers, who are all well aware of the advantages of a fast and reliable service that cuts total transit time. Hannibal contributes to an efficient logistics, sustainable and environmentally friendly.

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IMS Rail Switzerland AG

IMS Rail Switzerland AG was founded in 2011 as a subsidiary of IMS Group and it is focused on the organization of complete trains-block and in the management of gateways connected for maritime traffic. The main markets are represented by corridors linking the ports of Northern Europe and Switzerland with direct services Rotterdam - Frenkendorf CT, Rotterdam – Rekingen (Zürich) CT, Rotterdam - Basel Bad UBF, Geneva, Chavornay via Frenkendorf of Rotterdam. IMS RAIL Switzerland AG is an independent rail operator for combined transport with headquarter in Basel controlled by IMS Intermove Transport Systems GesmbH in Vienna, one of the largest private operators of combined transport in Austria. The Austrian Group was founded in 1993 as a private operator for the transport of containers and it has offices in Austria, Germany, Slovakia, Poland, Hungary, Switzerland and other countries in the world. With about 70 employees, IMS has developed a traffic of 147,000 TEUS in 2012 with a turnover of approximately 47 million euro. For more information: bsl@imscargo.com

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