



Press Information

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Ruscon launches weekly fixed day rail service from Moscow to the Russian Far East

Ruscon, part of the GCS Group, has launched a weekly fixed day block train from Moscow to the Far East of Russia.

The train, with a capacity of 154TEU (77FEU) departs from the MANP Terminal, south-west of Moscow every Saturday at 12 noon for Khabarovsk. It arrives in Khabarovsk on Tuesday afternoon. After discharging the train returns back with import cargo to the European part of Russia.

Marina Gusarova, Director Intermodal of Ruscon, says the fixed day service will offer significant advantages to shippers at both ends of the journey.

“Our customers in the Moscow region can now be certain that their goods will depart as scheduled on a regular and reliable service to the Russian Far East. The weekly provision of the Ruscon flat-car wagons on the Pacific coast means that we also have the equipment ready to transport import cargo arriving at Russian Pacific ports of Vostochniy and Vladivostok to Moscow and other key destinations in the European part of the country.”

Khabarovsk is the capital of Russian Far Eastern Federal district, about 900 km north of Vladivostok. In the near future Ruscon plans to launch container trains from Moscow to other destinations in that region, offering sustainable connection between Central Russia and its remotest Eastern part.

GCS, one of the top ten container transport companies in Russia and the CIS, acquired the MANP inland terminal in 2006 and has invested heavily in both rail and hard-standing infrastructure as well as recently creating bonded warehousing.

The group also offers regular intermodal services to a range of destinations in inland Russia, including the most remote provinces, from MANP.

Not only do these rail services offer fast reliable links for shippers sending cargo to the Urals, Siberia and the Russian Far East, they also help ensure that producers in those areas have sufficient containers for export.

MANP also offers road haulage of containers from Moscow to consignees throughout the European part of Russia. It uses the same principle of providing consolidation and loading services and then delivering the containers to consignees, before arranging for them to be shipped back with exports or at least positioned for transport to the port at no extra cost.

“We continue to invest in facilities and in equipment so that we can develop exactly the services which our customers require – in the most cost efficient way,” says Mrs. Gusarova.

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Note to editors:

GCS

Global Container Service (GCS) has worked successfully in the Russian container market since 1995. Beginning as a liner agency, today it is among the top ten container transport companies in Russia and the CIS. GCS belongs to one of Russia’s largest transport holding companies, Delo, which also owns several terminal assets in the port of Novorossiysk.

The GCS Group consists of seven companies in various fields of container shipping including agency, logistics and terminal operations. It is active in all of the major container ports and provinces of Russia, as well as in neighbouring CIS countries and overseas.

The group has ambitious plans to continue to expand its existing companies and to add new ones in order to meet the growing demand for professional transport services in Russia, the CIS and further afield.

It has announced a strategic target of doubling its container throughput and tripling revenue over the next five years. This will be achieved through consolidation of its vertically-integrated systems to enable seamless delivery of containers to any destination in Russia and worldwide. GCS relies on its 1,200+ staff and close partnerships with leading Russian and international transport companies to help it meet its targets.

Ruscon

Ruscon, the multimodal subsidiary of GCS, is one of the leading transport operators in the Russian container industry. Its experienced team of approx. 1100 people in 11 offices throughout Russia and CIS handles over 200,000 TEU a year.

Based on a combination of GCS-owned facilities and cooperation with leading international and Russian logistics providers, Ruscon manages cross-border and cross-continent product flows to and from Russia. The company provides comprehensive supply chain solutions by arranging ocean freight, deliveries by truck and train, terminal handling, storage and forwarding.

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