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Press release

The Swisstrain expands its service offering

Frenkendorf, Switzerland, 6 July 2017: The Swisstrain, a transportation product offered by Frenkendorf-based Swissterminal AG, expands its service portfolio. As from 10 July 2017, the train will serve the Port of Antwerp in addition to the Port of Rotterdam.

In this context, Swissterminal will switch its service connection from the inland hub of Duisburg and will use the hub Neuss Trimodal to offer reliable and efficient links to two of Europe's most important sea ports. Customers of the Swisstrain will continue to benefit from the many advantages a hub offers, such as for example a high frequency of links to various terminals on a regular basis.

Furthermore, Swissterminal has entered a partnership with the logistics service provider Optimodal Nederland B.V. By teaming up with Optimodal as an import agency, Swissterminal is present at the major transport hubs of both Rotterdam and Neuss and information, for example pertaining to the seagoing vessel, can be delivered even quicker.

The Swisstrain will continue to connect the terminal in Frenkendorf three times per week and the facility in Rekingen twice per week with the respective sea ports.

The link with the Port of Rotterdam is offered either via a pure rail connection or through combined transport using rail and barge. The Maasvlakte terminals, ECT-Delta, APMT 1 and APMT 2 as well as RWG and Euromax in Rotterdam are served by rail via Neuss according to the new schedule. If preferred, the Maasvlakte terminals can be reached by barge as well. The city terminals Uniport, Waalhaven, Botlek and RST are connected by barge three times per week.

The Antwerp service operates with two barge departures per week and serves the terminals 730, 869, 913, 1700 and 1742.

Roman Mayer, President and Delegate of the Board at Swissterminal AG, comments: "We are delighted that we are able to expand the service offering of our Swisstrain just shortly after its launch. The first Swisstrain carrying boxes with destination Rotterdam left our terminal in Frenkendorf in October last year. Since then we have noticed an increasing demand for transport solutions in the market. By adding Antwerp to our service portfolio, the change to Neuss Trimodal as a hub and Optimodal as import agency, we expand our market leadership as a provider of integrated and independent services for the transport and terminal services in Switzerland."

The new service schedules are available online at www.schweizerzug.com.

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Information for editors

About the Swisstrain

The Swisstrain went into service on 4 October 2016. It connects the Swiss terminals Frenkendorf and Rekingen with terminals in the sea ports of Rotterdam and Antwerp via the hub Neuss Trimodal in Germany. The terminals in Rotterdam are linked by either rail or barge, whilst destinations in Antwerp are connected via barge.
The Swissterminal AG operates as an export agency for the Swisstrain and the logistics service provider Optimodal with branches in Rotterdam and Neuss acts as an import agency. Furthermore, customers benefit from service offerings by partners such as BLS Cargo, Verzollung & Logistik AG as well as Gaston Schul.

The operating company of the Swisstrain is Swissterminal AG.

More information is available at www.schweizerzug.com.

About Swissterminal AG

Swissterminal AG is an international provider for logistics services in connection with container terminal and transport activities. The family-owned company is the Swiss market leader in terms of terminal services and efficiently and reliably handles barges, freight trains as well as trucks as an independent interface for combined transportation. With its rail product Swisstrain the company connects the Swiss terminals Frenkendorf and Rekingen with terminals in the sea ports of Rotterdam and Antwerp via the hub Neuss Trimodal in Germany.

In addition to inland and intermodal activities Swissterminal AG handles the sale and purchase, the storage as well as the maintenance and repair of containers. Value added services such as the management of cold chains and customs clearance complement the service portfolio.

When Swissterminal introduced the first online system for slot bookings at a European inland terminal in November 2016, the company set a new standard in terms of digitalisation for combined transportation.

Through the implementation of process work flows and quality management, Swissterminal AG strives to work efficiently and is also certified according to ISO 9001:2008.

Swissterminal AG operates four terminals in Switzerland and is represented by partners at the crucial transportation hub Rotterdam. Its two trimodal terminals in Basel and Birsfelden link Switzerland internationally by water, rail and road. The bimodal terminal in Frenkendorf is situated at the important European North-South Corridor and offers plenty of rail and road connections to destinations within Switzerland and to adjacent regions. The site in Rekingen is close to Switzerland's largest city Zurich and offers bimodal connections via rail and road to one of the key markets of the entire region.

The cornerstone for the family business laid Alex Mayer by founding the company Container Depot AG in 1972. With this move, he established the company as container pioneer for the Swiss market. Since then Swissterminal AG has turned into a leading provider of integrated services for the transport and logistics industry.

Additional information is available at www.swissterminal.com.

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