

TRANSMEC LAUNCHES UK-ITALY INTERMODAL SERVICE

Global logistics specialist Transmec Group has launched a UK-Italy intermodal link with three departures per week each way.

Offering a fast, cost-effective, eco-friendly and flexible solution, at the heart of the service is a direct rail connection between Zeebrugge, Belgium, and Novara in north-west Italy.

The secure, no-transshipment service includes collect and ship capability from across the UK and forward shipment by road throughout Italy.

Already the market-leader for freight carried between the UK and Italy, the intermodal launch complements existing express and standard road transport options.

John Simkins, general manager of Transmec UK, said: "The service offers a compelling alternative to road with differences in transit times of just 24 hours.

"As well as being cost-effective, it's also environmentally-friendly, helping customers to meet critical targets for reducing CO2 emissions."

Transit times are also optimised by a short pre-advice notice facility. Typical schedules include Birmingham-Milan five days, London-Bologna four days, Leeds-Turin five days.

Transmec is deploying its own-asset fleet of 200 Huckepack trailers on the route under the direct control of a dedicated office network.

Giovan Battista Amodeo, manager of Transmec's Milan branch, said: "The new intermodal service has got off to a great start. We already have a large number of orders and we expect demand to keep on growing.

"Right from the beginning, customers have seen tangible benefits and we are receiving a lot of positive feedback."

Transmec has three UK depots at West Thurrock, Redditch and Bradford and nine across Italy, including the company's group headquarters at Campogalliano, Modena.