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Newsletter

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Vilnius Shuttle

Company's news

In order to develop intermodal transport services on 3th of March JSC "Lithuanian Railways" and "Intermodal Container Service" Ltd. signed a contract for the freight route Klaipeda - Vilnius - Klaipeda.

JSC "Lithuanian Railways" will launch its intermodal train, and the "Intermodal Container Service", providing forwarding and customs brokerage services, will become its operator. The train from Klaipeda "Draugyste" Station will depart every Monday, 22h 12 min, and will arrive to Vilnius "Paneriai" freight station every Friday at 19h 26 min. Back to Klaipeda train will depart every Thursday at 22h 22 min and arrives every Friday at 7h 51 min. It will be possible to carry up to 50 TEUs (1 TEU - corresponds to one 20 feet container). It's planned to make up to 40 journeys and carry up to 3000-4500 TEU per year. Given the market and customer needs, in the near future is planned to increase the quantity of journeys up to two journeys per week. Containers to the intermodal train will be loaded from two terminals – "Klaipeda Container Terminal" and the "Smelte" located in Klaipeda's port.

Project's pricing system was set after an exhaustive examination of the competitive environment and in the light of market conditions; it is therefore considered that new service would be commercially attractive to customers. The price of transport will depend on the number of containers – the more you carry, the lower would be the price of one container.

This project is just one more step to ensure most favorable conditions of intermodal services for freight transporting companies. It's also a significant contribution to the intermodal transport and environmental ideas development in Lithuania. Carriage of goods by rail consumes nearly three times less fuel than a similar quantity of the transportation of cargo trucks, and railroads - not only effective, but much cleaner vehicles - less pollution, environmentally sound roads. This contract will allow combining shipment of goods by sea, rail and road by offering customers greater freedom of choice.

Project partners: "Kuehne & Nagel", "DHL Lietuva", "7 Seas Shipping", "Shipco Transport Ltd.", "CMA-CGM Lithuania", "Klaipedos terminal", "Smelte". For more detailed information, please contact the JSC "Lithuanian Railways" Freight Transportation Directorate Head of Logistics Centre Rimas Kudzmanas r.kudzmanas@litrail.lt or "Intermodal Container Service" Director Gediminas Kuncevičius g.kuncevicius@intermodal.lt

Main goal—to keep freight volumes stable

On 9-10 of March a meeting was held in Minsk between JSC "Lithuanian Railways", Lithuanian National Freight Forwarders Association "Lineka", Belarus and the Kaliningrad railway administrations and representatives of the Belarus international forwarding and logistics association leaders and members. During the meeting were discussed several important questions, mostly related with freight flows and tariff policy.

Also National Associations of Lithuanian and Belarusian international forwarding and logistics association presidents presented its annual activities, JSC "Lithuanian Railways" introduced development of public logistics centers in Lithuania, tariff policy and new projects - intermodal Klaipeda - Vilnius - Klaipeda and Klaipeda - Moscow - Klaipeda.

Also prospects for the carriage of goods and trends of new cargo corridors development and opportunities were discussed. Participants agreed that now most important goal for the railway administrations, freight forwarders, shippers and recipients are to keep freight volumes and to optimize transport process.

Meeting was also attended by the Lithuania's Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador at Belarus Republic Edminas Bagdonas, first secretary Vidmantas Verbickas, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of transport and communications of the Republic of Belarus Nikolai Verchovec, International Freight Forwarders and Logistics Association President Nikolai Gorbel, other responsible representatives of the Ministry of Transport.

Freight villages

Process of establishment of PLC

JSC "Lithuanian Railways" have been entrusted for the establishment of public logistics center (PLC) in Vilnius, near the Vaidotai railway station. PLC will have access to the two modes of transport - rail and road, here also should be container terminal, which will operate as a hinterport of Klaipėda port and expand the competitive range. PLC projected near Vilnius, near Lithuania's largest distribution station "Vaidotai", which is on the 9th transport corridor, close to the future southern bypass of Vilnius.

In addition, companies engaged in the transportation, logistics, industry, trade, and creating additional value-added services will be provided good conditions for establishment and development of its activities in the territory of Vilnius PLC - equipped with all the infrastructure and communications, developed by their needs and appropriate size of land parcels to the local connecting road.

It is expected that the various logistics, transport, trade and industrial activities and the proximity of the service, which will create a presence in one place, will accelerate the movement of goods and reduce the cost of a wide spectrum. For example, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Spain and Sweden thanks to a modern logistics centers and intermodal freight transportation technologies had reduced the costs of even 20-30 per cent. There are currently carried out draft feasibility study, which final version will be provided along with the application for European Union funding. Therefore, the survey of interested companies is going on to determine the future needs of users of PLC, what criteria should be taken into account in planning PLC mix of services and governance model, the design of the container terminal in Vilnius PLC and needed infrastructure. For more detailed information about the possible cooperation we will be happy to invite you to contact JSC "Lithuanian Railways" Freight Transportation Directorate Deputy Director for the Development Saulius Stasiunas by email s.stasiunas@litrail.lt or by phone 0037052693364 or Senior Manager of Logistics Centre Mindaugas Butnorius by email m.butnorius@litrail.lt or by phone 003702692536.

Meetings

Lithuania, Belarus and the Kaliningrad railways meeting

On April 9-10 Lithuanian, Belarus and the Kaliningrad railway administrations hold a meeting in Vilnius where was discussed freight results from and to the Kaliningrad region. Representatives noted signs of cargo flow decrease, which during the first quarter of 2009 decrease about 50 per cent in comparison with the same period of 2008.

During the meeting it was approved the main reasons for the decline in freight traffic - the ongoing economic crisis, Russian Ruble rate regarding to other currencies fluctuations.

The participants of the event agreed for joint action, which could influence the increase of cargo flows towards the region of Kaliningrad - to submit proposals, which will shortly be examined and approved of all three countries to implement. The meeting was finished by a protocol signed by the JSC "Lithuanian railways" General Director Stasys Dailydka, Belarus railway first deputy chief Vladimir Laptinskij and Kaliningrad railway chief Ivan Besedin.

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JSC "Lithuanian Railways" and the Lithuanian Quarrying Association (LKA) on 20 April signed an agreement on cooperation in the transport of the gravel. "This agreement is the result of long-term cooperation, allowing the parties more closely and more effectively search for and find ways to provide transportation services to the railway transport. We hope that this agreement will maintain the quantitative results of the transport roads, the construction industry and other uses input dolomite, sand and gravel quantities and in the future and increase the volume of such traffic." To seek closer cooperation the agreement provides the maintaining and increasing the bulk rail freight volume of Lithuanian domestic routes, import, export and transit, the exchange of quick information on the transport of quantities of the tariff policy-making, cooperation with other countries, rail transport of bulk cargoes. For the Lithuanian Quarrying Association agreement will help to develop a common position of members of the association in order to streamline and increase the potential of local roads, the construction industry and other uses input dolomite, sand and gravel transport environment safer and more efficient transportation, and for the JSC "Lithuanian Railways" to suggest to the association and its members effectively organized transportation, creation of new additional services, to form a flexible tariff policy in both the goods and additional services.