

Press release

New block train connection Brunswick - Bratislava

[Hamburg, March 29, 2017] Starting in the middle of April this year, there will be an intermodal train connection between the port of Braunschweig and port of Bratislava for the first time. As a logistics operator, RailRunner Europe GmbH offers the transport of mega trailers, swap-bodies and containers between these two strong economic regions to all shippers. The train offers customer-friendly departures from Monday to Friday in both directions, with the start at 19:00 o'clock and the arrival on the next day about midday.

Economical and environmentally friendly

With this new block train connection, RailRunner Europe creates an economic and environmentally friendly link between the metropolitan area of Hannover and its industrial regions around Brunswick, Wolfsburg and Magdeburg, as well as with the border triangle of Slovakia, Austria and Hungary. The 800 kilometers long rail route is a reliable and attractive alternative to the road transports. Gerhard Oswald, Managing Director of the RailRunner Europe GmbH: „We detect a significant demand for this new block train connection by now. Our offer obviously is aiming at automotive logistics and the environment of Volkswagen. But it is not only aiming on the supplier side of the automotive industry, it is also ideal for the transport of white and brown products, machines and their parts or consumer goods.“

An advantage for combined transport

The new connection between Braunschweig and Bratislava gives the transport industry and their customers certainty reliable planning platform, on the basis of the long-term contract between RailRunner Europe GmbH and ČD Cargo, a.s. RailRunner Europe has chosen the largest Czech railway goods transport provider ČD Cargo as the main partner in this block train connection, which also delivers the pocket wagons for the transport of trailers, swap bodies or containers.

As a subcontractor of ČD Cargo, the railway company Eisenbahngesellschaft Potsdam mbH (EGP) provides the traction on the distance within Germany. RailRunner Europe as an operator for combined transport offers comprehensive logistics solutions, and if requested efficient Door-to-Door transport as well, which includes the provision of trailers. Gerhard Oswald: „Therefore, our transport offer covers the whole logistics, the loading at the shippers side, the organization of pre- and -on carriage, the transshipment at the terminals, the main carriage, as well as the unloading at the receivers side.“

Brunswick – Bratislava: Option „Future“

RailRunner Europe GmbH has selected the connection between Brunswick and Bratislava based on a comprehensive market analysis. The intermodal train connection between both locations offers RailRunner Europe an excellent opportunity to serve customers in both Germany and the Slovak Republic. This connection will later introduce the innovative bimodal

RailRunner technology as well. In addition, RailRunner Europe includes the development and arrangement of the RailRunner's "Terminal Anywhere" Solution, which is planned for the year 2019. This system allows the handling of trailers or chassis in a short minute interval of 2 minutes onto the innovative RailRunner bogies. Train composition and transshipment speed will be increased substantially, increasing economic efficiency and the acceptance of railway transports in general. RailRunner Europe introduces this unique solution in detail on trade fair „transport logistic“ in Munich this year (from the 9th to the 12th of May, 2017).

About RailRunner Europe GmbH

The American holding company RailRunner N.A., Inc. founded RailRunner Europe GmbH in Hamburg in 2015. RailRunner Europe will introduce RailRunner's unique technology in Europe. After the certification, homologation, and approval for Europe, the European RailRunner rolling stock will be manufactured mainly in Europe.

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