

Press Release

Leading the way in European rail freight transportation: First carbon-free transportation of rail freight

DB Schenker offers customers clean rail freight transportation • Renewable energy sources from Germany avoid carbon emissions

(Munich, May 12, 2009) Customers of DB Schenker now also have a green option for their rail freight shipments. In practice, this means that, if requested, DB Schenker will in future transport the products of its customers free of carbon emissions on all European routes. DB Schenker will ensure that the electricity required for transportation will be fed into the electricity grid of Deutsche Bahn entirely from renewable energy sources such as hydroelectric power.

On the route from Hamburg to Munich, for instance, customers using a block train with a weight of approx. 1,000 tons can avoid up to a total of 20 tons of carbon emissions – compared with regular rail transportation. Compared with trucks, more than 55 tons of carbon emissions can be avoided.

“Rail transportation by its very nature is one of the most environmentally friendly modes of transportation. Our European rail freight carrier DB Schenker Rail has been one of the leading green transportation and logistics service providers for a long time. With our new, carbon-free rail freight transportation, we have now taken this one step further: By buying the required volume of electricity generated from renewables, we are able to transport freight by rail without having an adverse effect on the climate, which actively helps our customers to considerably improve their carbon footprint”, said DB Schenker Rail CEO Dr. Klaus Kremper.

DB Schenker will be able to avoid carbon emissions as described above by directly buying electricity generated from renewable energy sources. For this purpose, the service provider DB Energie has established a special quota of electricity generated from renewables such as hydroelectric power. Customers can book the carbon-free product for a small additional charge compared with the cost of conventional rail freight transportation products. The energy consumption of this type of transportation is calculated by means of the life-cycle analysis tool EcoTransIT. This tool is available to interested customers on the Internet at www.dbschenker.com/ecotransit.