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Long-term rental of 18 Siemens Vectron locomotives

Traffic growth, competition intensity and the new level-track rail route following the opening of the Gotthard base tunnel call for new multisystem locomotives for international, transalpine rail freight services. SBB Cargo International's solution is to rent 18 Siemens Vectron multisystem locomotives for 15 years.

Multisystem locomotives are essential for continuous traction from the North Sea to Italy, given the new level-track rail route and the opening of the Gotthard base tunnel. SBB Cargo International has been using similar locomotives in the domestic German market for some time now, and is convinced by their performance range. It is now a question of applying this knowledge to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of transalpine services, and gradually achieving an acceptable ecological footprint while networking European industry and supplying built-up areas along the North/South axis. The rental of 18 multisystem locomotives has opened the door to a more interoperable railway era.

SBB Cargo International conducted a formal tender process between all relevant providers and selected Siemens and its Vectron locomotives. SBB Cargo International is thus adjusting the portfolio mix of its locomotive fleet and placing a strong focus on even more interoperability, supplementing the locomotives already operating across the borders.

As part of this project, the railway undertaking is entering into new forms of financing in cooperation with Reichmuth Infrastruktur Schweiz. Reichmuth has founded the company LokRoll AG and is renting the locomotives to SBB Cargo International. For the procurement of the locomotives, SBB Cargo International is acting as a partner to Reichmuth in terms of procurement management, project management, acceptance of the locomotives and management of the warranty, registration and asset management.

About SBB Cargo International:

SBB Cargo International is a railway undertaking that primarily operates on the North/South corridor between the North Sea ports and northern Italy, and which has its own railway undertaking licences in the Netherlands, Germany, Switzerland and Italy. With approximately 135 locomotives (as at 1 December 2016), SBB Cargo International moves over 30,000 trains per year, thus allowing more than 10 billion ntkm of freight to be transferred from road to rail.

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