

More goods on the rails

Contargo AG further expands its rail transports

Basel, 4 July 2017 – On 3 July 2017, Contargo AG’s first Basel-Kaldenkirchen Shuttle (BKS) completed the journey from Basel to Kaldenkirchen, North Rhine Westphalia (situated in Nettetal in the Viersen district). From now on, Contargo is offering this rail connection five times a week in both directions. Thus Contargo Süd is continuing to expand the share of handling to/from rail in its transactions, and supporting the policy of a modal transport shift in Switzerland.

The BKS sets out daily both from Basel and from Kaldenkirchen, Monday to Friday, reaching its destination the next day. “In the BKS we have a fast, reliable connection for continental cargoes between Switzerland and the Ruhr area and the East Netherlands”, says Holger Bochow, Co-Managing Director of Contargo AG. “Our location in the Border Triangle functions as a hub, since the trailers can be sent on from here by rail or truck to other parts of Switzerland – but also to Germany or France, or even to Italy.”

As well as the BKS, Contargo Süd offers five other rail connections in Basel: the trimodal Basel Multimodal Express (Basel/Weil – Emmerich), the Basel-Duisburg Shuttle (Basel/Weil – Duisburg), the Rhein Romandie Shuttle (Basel – Chavornay – Geneva), the Alfred Escher Shuttle (Basel – Dietikon – Gossau) and the ROCO Shuttle (Basel/Weil – Rotterdam and Antwerp). Contargo AG realises these rail products jointly with Contargo Rail Service as operator, i.e. they develop, organise and market the lines themselves and take on the capacity utilisation risk.

Customers in Basel additionally benefit from the empty container depot, which also serves other locations including Ottmarsheim, Weil am Rhein, Chavornay and Gossau. Another advantage for customers is

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Contargo's approval as an Authorised Consignor/Authorised Consignee for Switzerland, which simplifies customs procedures considerably.

About Contargo

With an annual transport volume of 2.3 million TEU, Contargo is one of the largest container logistics networks in Europe. Contargo integrates container transport between the western seaports, the German North Sea ports and the European hinterland. The enterprise has 25 container terminals at its disposal in Germany, France, Switzerland and the Czech Republic and maintains offices at seven additional locations in Germany, the Netherlands and Belgium. Contargo also operates its own barge and rail lines. In 2016 the workforce of 903 employees achieved a turnover of 415 million Euro.

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