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HGK Logistics and Intermodal GmbH acquires remaining shares in CTS and DCH

- **Strategic sale of terminal stakes by DB Cargo AG**
- **Continued close cooperation between both companies**

Cologne. HGK Logistics and Intermodal GmbH (HGK L&I), a leading provider of intermodal logistics solutions, is further expanding its operations in the Rhineland. By acquiring DB Cargo AG's remaining shares in the CTS container terminal in Cologne and the DCH terminal in Düsseldorf, HGK L&I becomes the sole owner of both companies. HGK L&I and DB Cargo intend to continue their close partnership in the future, with the aim of strengthening intermodal freight transport—particularly by rail.

Previously, HGK L&I and DB Intermodal Services GmbH (DBIS), a wholly owned subsidiary of DB Cargo AG, jointly operated the two trimodal terminals on the Rhine as part of two joint ventures: Container Terminal GmbH (CTS) in Cologne-Niehl and Düsseldorfer Container Hafen GmbH (DCH). In Düsseldorf, DB Cargo held a 51% majority stake, while in Cologne it owned a 22.5% minority share. "With the acquisition of the remaining shares in the terminals in Cologne and Düsseldorf, we are reinforcing our position as experts in integrated supply chain solutions. As a leading provider of trimodal container logistics in Duisburg, Krefeld, Düsseldorf, and Cologne, we will continue the successful and trust-based cooperation with DB Cargo to advance sustainable, trimodal logistics solutions," says Markus Krämer, CEO of HGK Logistics and Intermodal GmbH.

"This acquisition reinforces our position as a key player in intermodal container logistics and highlights HGK Group's commitment to securing supply chains in the region. Especially in light of current challenges in global trade, we are reinforcing our role as a reliable partner for businesses in the region," adds Uwe Wedig, CEO of HGK AG.

DB Cargo, the rail freight subsidiary of Deutsche Bahn AG, is currently undergoing a transformation process. Dr. Sigrid Nikutta, CEO of DB Cargo AG, States: "This strategic sale is one of several steps in our restructuring process and aligns with the expectations of the European Commission. We are on the right track to lead the company into a stable and healthy future." Dr. Martina Niemann, CFO of DB Cargo, adds: "On the one hand, we are pleased that the terminals are well positioned for the future under HGK Logistics and Intermodal. On the

other hand, we will continue—together with HGK L&I—to promote the urgently needed shift of freight traffic from road to rail.”

As a result, CTS will become a wholly owned subsidiary of HGK Intermodal GmbH, which was founded in 2023. Going forward, CTS will hold 100% of the shares in DCH. The parties have agreed not to disclose the purchase price. Completion of the transaction is subject to regulatory approval.

Pictures attached:

Image 1: Dr. Martina Niemann (CFO of DB Cargo AG) and Markus Krämer (CEO of HGK Logistics and Intermodal GmbH) signed the contract in Cologne.

Image 2: CTS Container Terminal GmbH in Cologne, like DCH Düsseldorfer Container-Hafen GmbH, is now fully owned by HGK Logistics and Intermodal GmbH.

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About HGK Group:

Häfen und Güterverkehr Köln AG (HGK) is a logistics company within the Stadtwerke Köln Group. Originally a port operator, HGK has evolved into a Europe-wide group offering integrated transport and logistics services. Structured into five business units – Logistics & Intermodal, Shipping, Rail Operations, Infrastructure & Maintenance, and Real Estate – the HGK Group operates, through its subsidiaries and affiliated companies, Germany’s largest inland port network, one of the largest private freight railways in the country, specialized logistics companies and terminals, as well as its own rail infrastructure and maintenance facilities for freight transport. HGK Shipping GmbH is the largest inland waterway shipping company in Europe.

About HGK Logistics and Intermodal business unit:

The HGK Logistics and Intermodal business unit, with about 850 employees, offers a broad spectrum of modern logistics services across its three business units: Logistics, Intermodal, and Transport. Operating from 20 locations in Germany and the Netherlands, its core services include transportation, transshipment, and warehousing, as well as comprehensive, customized supply chain solutions tailored to individual customer needs.

About DB Cargo AG:

DB Cargo is the freight transport division of Deutsche Bahn AG and Europe’s leading rail freight company. Around 28,000 employees operate 20,000 trains per week across 18 European countries and as far as China – saving approximately seven million tons of CO₂ annually. With the largest fleet of locomotives and freight cars in Europe and more than 4,000 customer sidings, DB Cargo performs 60 percent of its services across borders.