

## Press Release

# VTG expands FastTrack: Ad-hoc service now also available in France and with new wagon types

**Hamburg, June 5, 2023.** VTG is expanding its popular FastTrack service. As of June, the company will also be offering wagons for last-minute and short-term capacity requirements in France in partnership with the Lille Dourges Container Terminal (LDCT). One set of 90' Sggmrs container carriers now stands ready to use at the LDCT and can be booked online around the clock. "We are thrilled to now also be able to offer our established solution for flexible rail freight transports in France," said Sven Wellbrock, Chief Operating Officer Europe at VTG. "The LDCT is an important transport node in northern France and a central hub for transports between France and the ARA ports. This makes the LDCT a perfect match for FastTrack."

### **New wagon types for a broader range of possible uses**

Besides regionally expanding its FastTrack service, VTG is also adding new wagon types to its portfolio of offerings and thereby making a multitude of uses possible. For example, Faccs-type hopper wagons are now available to transport building materials at the Mainz-Mombach location, thereby enabling FastTrack to also be used in construction site logistics. "Especially given the numerous construction measures planned for railway infrastructure in the years ahead, in addition to being able to offer our customers an attractive offer here, we can also simultaneously provide added value for the entire sector," Wellbrock continues.

What's more, FastTrack is also starting in Bottrop-Süd with a set of Eanos-type box wagons, which are suitable for transporting scrap, wood, ores and coal.

This means that FastTrack is currently available at 8 locations in 3 countries. Launched in 2018 as a pilot project in the Port of Hamburg, FastTrack offers the possibility to handle ad-hoc inquiries, spot transports and peak periods via rail. The wagon sets are available at selected locations around the clock and can be booked at any time using VTG's traigo customer platform.

### **About VTG:**

Headquartered in Hamburg, VTG GmbH is an international asset owner and logistics company with a strong focus on rail. Besides hiring out rail freight wagons and tank containers, it also provides multimodal logistical services and integrated digital solutions. The company's fleet includes around 84,000 rail freight wagons – mostly tank wagons, intermodal wagons, standard freight wagons and sliding-wall wagons – as well as about 5,000 tank containers.

This diversified service portfolio gives VTG's customers a robust platform for international freight transportation, based on which the company develops made-to-measure logistical solutions for any and every industry. Over many years, VTG has accumulated granular expertise across the entire transport chain – expertise that is now flanked by smart technology. The Group likewise combines a wealth of experience with a specialized knowledge of the transportation of liquid and sensitive goods in particular. Its customers include a plethora of leading companies representing the chemicals, petroleum, automotive and paper industries, agriculture and virtually every other sector besides.

VTG posted revenue of EUR 1,306 million and an operating profit (EBITDA) of EUR 467 million in the 2022 financial year. Effective December 31, 2022, VTG employed around 2,100 people worldwide.

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