



PRESS RELEASE

IFB France develops its network to the South significantly (Spain and Italy)

Antwerp, February 1 2010 – IFB France, member of SNCB Logistics and specialised in intermodal transport, invests further in the development of its European rail network.

The traffics Belgium – France - Spain

As of February 1, new rail connections of IFB in the direction of Spain will start from the IFB France terminal in **Bonneuil-sur-Marne**, located South of Paris. IFB France disposes in Bonneuil-sur-Marne of an **intermodal rail terminal** with its own operational team for the local operations.

The terminal is equipped with two rails of 1.000 m and two reach-stackers and offers a capacity of 36.000 UTI per year. Except the classical transshipment from train to truck and vice-versa, the customers can also call upon the terminal for warehousing and reparation of containers. The terminal is located next to the river Marne, which makes that barging services can also be offered.

The creation of this hub means an important support for the traffics from Bonneuil-sur-Marne to Spain, and offers IFB France also the possibility to serve the whole Paris region. In view of the development of new (inter-)national traffics, a dedicated IFB commercial team is active in a new subsidiary IFB France, located in Bonneuil-sur-Marne.

In the mean time, IFB starts up a close operational and commercial collaboration with **IC Iberica**. Thanks to this partnership, IFB can maintain the control and offer the necessary quality for the traffics from and towards Spain.

Geert Pauwels, CEO IFB and Head of SNCB Freight Division: *“We had a clear demand for regular transports between Belgium, in casu Antwerp, and Paris and for a development of the traffics in the direction of Spain. Together with our customers and thanks to the collaboration with IC Iberica, we have succeeded to develop a complete and qualitative solution that is in line with the demand of the market.”*

The gateway traffics Belgium –Italy

As of March 2010, IFB will set up a first rail connection between **Milano Segrato and Pomezia/Roma**. This initiative is facilitated through its subsidiary IFB Italy, and in partnership with **Interporto Campano**, a vast Italian logistics group. This partnership not only aims to develop gateway traffics from Italy, but also domestic traffics.

Geert Pauwels, CEO IFB and Head of SNCB Freight Division: *“Our connection Belgium – Italy is very successful and we are confronted with the increasing demand for further development. We extend our team significantly with local commercial and operational specialists. Moreover, the partnership with a reliable and important player as Interporto Campano permits to actively work this growth market and to offer a complete range of logistics services to the customers. After the start up of IFB Italy in 2009 and our presence since years in Germany and the Netherlands through our barging company H&S Container Line, the creation of IFB France is an important step towards a further internationalization of our activities. The international development strategy of IFB will be supported even more in the course of 2010 by important partnerships, in order to offer reliable services throughout*



Europe and to increase our commercial range. IFB will continue to invest in the development of qualitative and reliable rail and barging connections to all European countries.”

About IFB:

Inter Ferry Boats is member of the SNCB Logistics and a full (100%) subsidiary of NMBS/SNCB. The company is based in Antwerp and has for more than ten years been providing reliable multimodal solutions for transporting containers, chemicals, automotive products, paper and wood and consumer goods at home and abroad by rail, freighter or truck. IFB provides rail transport, but also manages various terminals in Belgium, Germany and France for freight handling. It has amongst others developed the successful National Rail Container Network (Narcon), a daily link via rail, terminal and truck between the quays in Antwerp and Zeebrugge and the hinterland. Rail Force is a division of IFB that provides transport specifically for the chemical and automotive industries. H&S Container Line is also a subsidiary of the IFB Group and a specialist in inland navigation between North Sea ports and the economic centres of the Rhine Area.

More information on www.interferryboats.be – www.railforce.be - www.nmbslogistics.be

About Interporto Campano:

Interporto Campano S.p.A. was created in 1987. The group consists of a number of companies, based in the Nola region, that offer complete logistics services.

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