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### Container traffic through the Port of Kehl on an upwards trend

**Kehl, 23 June 2010 - *Collaboration agreement between the Kehl Port Authority and Euro Terminal Kehl GmbH (ETK) extended to 2016 – containers from Papierfabrik Koehler transported from the port on water rather than road***

The container terminal at the Port of Kehl has been operated jointly by Euro Terminal Kehl GmbH (ETK) and the Kehl Port Authority since 2006. ETK, a joint venture between Klumpp + Müller from Kehl and H&S Container Line, member of SNCB Logistics and based in Duisburg, this week concluded a new contract until 2016 with the Kehl Port Authority to continue the successful collaboration which has been in force since 2006 until 2016.

The policy of bundling container activities with the aim of enhancing the Rhine Port of Kehl as a location by demonstrating its competence to the industries in the region which require transport services has proved to be extremely successful. Both parties are sure that this partnership will continue in the long term.

One of the major reasons for the extremely positive development of container traffic is export trade from Papierfabrik Koehler. Rather than sending containers by autobahn on trucks as in the past, they are now loaded on to vessels in Kehl which take them to the ZARA (Zeebrugge- Antwerp-Rotterdam-Amsterdam) ports.

For the Koehler Paper Group this is a major step towards its goal of shipping its products using “green logistics” together with improving its processes at its Oberkirch and Kehl sites.

The shipping service to and from the ZARA ports is provided by the leading Upper Rhine carrier, the Blue Arrow Line (H&S Container Line and ULTRA BRAG) which features a total of four barge combinations and several single vessels. The Port of Kehl is served by several scheduled services whilst handling business at the Kehl terminal has almost doubled since last year.

The Rhine Port of Kehl is living up to its role as a shipping broker for container traffic helped by the fact that its modern infrastructure enables it to offer a unique range of services for medium-sized enterprises.

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