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## **New regular rail shuttle service between APM Terminals and Karlshamn**

**A new regular rail shuttle service connecting APM Terminals to Karlshamn and businesses in south-east Sweden is now available. The regular rail shuttle service is a joint project with SCT Transport, one of Sweden's largest container transport agencies, and is the 26th regular train service connecting with APM Terminals.**

“It will carry around thirty containers a week, which we will load onto trains in Karlshamn, rather than trucks. This will really benefit the environment, since we will be able to reduce the environmental impact by cutting out 340 km of road transport by 30 trucks every week”, says Svante Altås, CEO of SCT Transport.

APM Terminals is investing heavily in improving rail transport for container goods. In total, the company now operates 26 regular rail shuttle services connecting a large proportion of Swedish business with the port in Gothenburg, for exporting goods worldwide.

“We are working constantly to expand the network of regular train services to ensure that we can offer efficient transport solutions to and from Gothenburg, servicing the Swedish and Norwegian business sector. The regular service to Karlshamn will provide fast transport to south-east Sweden and businesses in this area”, says Hans Gutsch, Head of Business Development at APM Terminals Gothenburg.

Initially, the regular service will be operating once a week, primarily carrying vehicle components for the export market. But in the future, APM Terminals expects to attract other goods currently carried by truck to and from south-east Sweden.

“With sufficiently large volumes, the train service will provide clear financial and environmental benefits for the business sector in south-east Sweden. And we have noticed a clear increase in interest from companies in the area”, says Svante Altås.

Interest in transporting goods by rail is growing all the time. At present, around 50 percent of container transports are carried by rail to and from APM Terminals. At the terminal, the railway facilities have been modernised and capacity boosted by the introduction of new railway cranes, extended tracks which can take 730 metre long trains, and a sixth track running all the way to the terminal.

The new regular train service between Gothenburg and Karlshamn started operating on 9 June.

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**About APM Terminals Gothenburg AB**

APM Terminals Gothenburg is the largest container terminal in the Nordic region, shipping just over 50 percent of all containers to and from Sweden. The terminal handles 20 port calls per week. It receives direct calls, with oceangoing ships sailing direct from the rest of the world, as well as feeder ships from other ports in northern Europe. APM Terminals Gothenburg is the only terminal in Sweden with the capacity to receive and handle the largest oceangoing vessels. Around half of all containers are transported to or from the container terminal by rail, giving major environmental benefits. APM Terminals is headquartered in the Hague. The company has 20,600 employees in 69 countries, and sales of USD 4.24 billion (2015).

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