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APM Terminals in Gothenburg expands rail shuttle to Oslo

APM Terminals, which operates the container terminal in the port of Gothenburg, is expanding its rail shuttle to Oslo from one to four times a week. Starting in early February, goods will be transported faster to and from the Norwegian market via the rail pendulum service, offering a significant new advantage for Norwegian businesses and the environment. The new service will be handled by Swedish Green Cargo in cooperation with APM Terminals and Norwegian Cargonet.

Keld Pedersen, CEO of APM Terminals Gothenburg sees the expanded train service as the next step in making the serving Swedish-Norwegian market more competitive in world markets:

- "This new service is designed to open more business in the Norwegian market via the Port of Gothenburg by adding more transportation choices. We feel global supply chain managers will find the frequency of rail service as a new way to generate more business and meet tighter time deadlines.

The rail shuttle runs four days a week – a significant improvement over the current truck service which moves via the congested E6 highway between Gothenburg and Oslo. Equally important, this new service represents a big win for both the environment and the Norwegian industry with a more efficient, time-saving mode to transport all types of cargo to and from the Norwegian market.

" With the pendulum, we create an effective link between the two major population centers - Gothenburg and Oslo - and extend service further out in the Norwegian market, says Björn Thunqvist, director of market development at Green Cargo.

APM Terminals Gothenburg has a long and positive experience with rail shuttles offering 25+ services a week from the Port of Gothenburg spanning Sundsvall in the north to Åhus in the south.

APM Terminals took over operations of the container terminal in January 2012 and will invest more than SEK 800 million by 2016 to increase port productivity and competitiveness to further expand the Swedish and Norwegian market.

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APM Terminals Gothenburg AB

APM Terminals Gothenburg is Scandinavia's largest container terminal, handling over 50 percent of all containers to and from Sweden. The terminal has 20+ vessel calls a week from containership lines serving world markets. It is the only terminal in Sweden that has the capacity and expertise to serve the newest and largest 18,000+ TEU vessels now sailing in the Asia/Europe trade. Approximately 50 percent of all containers via Gothenburg harbor are carried by rail, with significant environmental benefits vs. truck. APM Terminals has headquarters in The Hague, Netherlands with 20,000 employees in 68 countries and a turnover of 4.8 billion USD (2012).