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### **PSA ANTWERP AND LINEAS LAUNCH NEW DIRECT RAIL CONNECTION BETWEEN ZEEBRUGGE AND ANTWERP TO STRENGTHEN SUSTAINABLE HINTERLAND CONNECTIVITY**

PSA Antwerp and Lineas announced the successful launch of a new rail service directly linking PSA's terminal in Zeebrugge with the Noordzee Terminal in Antwerp, at *Transport Logistic*, an international transportation and logistics trade fair held in Munich, Germany. A fully loaded container freight train departed from Zeebrugge on 27 May 2025, marking the start of a critical rail connection between the two ports. Commencing 2 June 2025, the service will operate three times per week in both directions.

The rail connection is part of PSA Antwerp's Hinterland Connectivity Program, which focuses on sustainable and efficient multimodal transport solutions between its ports and the hinterland. Through an extensive network of rail and inland waterway services, PSA offers a strong alternative to road transport. For Lineas, this project fits into its strategy to support the modal shift from road to rail by providing high-performance and reliable rail services between key economic hubs.

Edward Tah, Managing Director of PSA Belgium, said, "Aligned with PSA's Node to Network strategy, we are continuously working to strengthen our terminals' hinterland connectivity to offer our customers an expanding suite of multimodal, efficient, and sustainable solutions. With this new rail connection, 26,000 TEUs will be transported annually between Zeebrugge and Antwerp."

The new rail link will complement the existing inland waterway service between the port of Zeebrugge and Antwerp, which provides PSA Zeebrugge and its customers with additional flexibility in selecting the most suitable mode of transport.

#### **Strategic Role for Lineas Main Hub**

Lineas is responsible for the full operational execution of the rail connection. Upon arrival at the PSA's Noordzee Terminal, the train will make a stop at the Lineas Main Hub in Antwerp. This hub acts as a key gateway for onward transport within Belgium and to the European hinterland. By collecting empty containers and consolidating export cargo, the train's capacity is fully maximised.

Erik Van Ockenburg, CEO of Lineas added, "This new service fits perfectly within our strategy to further expand the rail network with frequent and reliable connections between major ports and industrial clusters. By creating smart import-export combinations through our Main Hub, we increase efficiency and contribute tangibly to the modal shift and climate goals."

This project underscores PSA's commitment to establish rail as a fully-fledged and sustainable mode of transport within port logistics.

The new service is available via the Intermodal Solutions team at PSA Belgium:

- For information and rates: [psaa-cyrequest@globalpsa.com](mailto:psaa-cyrequest@globalpsa.com)
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#### **ABOUT PSA ANTWERP**

PSA Antwerp is the second flagship within the PSA Group. PSA Antwerp operates three container terminals in the Port of Antwerp: Noordzee and Europa Terminal, and the MSC PSA European Terminal (MPET), a joint-venture with TIL. In addition, PSA also handles breakbulk, steel, and project cargo at PSA Breakbulk, and RoRo and paper at our multi-purpose terminal, PSA Zeebrugge.

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