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New container rail connection between Czech Republic and DCT Gdansk

On 6 September 2022, a container train from Ostrava, Czech Republic arrived for the first time at the Polish container shipping terminal DCT Gdansk (DCT). This would be German operator, METRANS's first of many trips to DCT. The train is scheduled to run three times a week, with arrivals at DCT every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Ostrava is the closest port for parts of the Czech Republic and Slovakia and connects to the METRANS network. For DCT this new train connection means that their partners and customers can be offered more cost-competitive and ecologically-friendly options to move their cargo to and fro between the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Hungary.

In addition, the new service will for the first time deploy 750m-long trains (instead of the usual 650m) which raises carrying capacity by 15% per train.

DCT is a container shipping terminal with one of the largest rail facilities in Europe. After its rail expansion from four to seven 750m-long tracks in 2021, the terminal currently has an annual rail capacity of 750,000 TEUs. For DCT, the cooperation with METRANS will create diverse growth opportunities in landlocked markets in Central Europe and ensure an economical, cutting-edge alternative for DCT's customers. For certain industrial areas in the Czech Republic and Slovakia, DCT is the closest seaport, which means customers who want to ship to Asia or the Americas will have lower intermodal costs by switching to the new METRANS rail service.

METRANS is one of the market leaders in intermodal transport, connecting major sea cargo hubs such as the North Sea and Adriatic ports and rail hubs with inland Europe. Linking DCT Gdansk with its high-quality services and growing capacity, to the synergies of METRANS intermodal terminals and trains will significantly improve the logistics in the European region, which is crucial in the times of ongoing high-demand.

CEO of DCT Gdansk Charles Baker is very pleased with the new partnership between DCT and METRANS. "With this new rail link, we now have a regular direct connection between one of the key Czech industrial regions and the biggest container terminal on the Baltic Sea. This cooperation will definitely bring added value to DCT Gdansk and METRANS, as well as to the economies of our countries."

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About DCT Gdansk

DCT Gdansk started operations in 2007 and has a handling capacity of up to 3 million TEUs per year.

The total length of the terminal's two deepwater berths is 1.3km enabling it to handle 4 vessels simultaneously. The terminal serves more than 600 vessels per year, including 100 calls of the world's largest container ships.

In 2021 DCT Gdansk handled over 2.09 million TEUs. On April 8, 2021, DCT reached the 15 million TEU milestone, the total throughput handled since the terminal's establishment.

In September 2022, DCT Gdansk will commence the construction of its Terminal 3 deep-water quay, which will be 717 meters long and 17.5 meters deep. It will also include a new yard area of 36.5ha. When completed, DCT Gdansk will be one of the largest container terminal hubs in Europe. The new hub is scheduled to open for operations by mid-2024 and be fully completed by the second quarter of 2025.

DCT employs over 1,100 people, more than 50 percent of whom live in and around Gdansk. The terminal has a direct and significant impact on the regional and Polish economy, generating more than 12 billion PLN annually to the state budget from VAT, excise and customs duties.

DCT Gdansk is owned by PSA International (40%), Polish Development Fund (30%) and IFM Global Infrastructure Fund advised by IFM Investors (30%).

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