

Press Release

VTG Rail Europe and IMATEQ join forces: First joint workshop for integrated railway maintenance

- **The Integrated Railway Maintenance Pole is the first Italian hub to offer a holistic range of services for the entire train system**
- **Joint workshop for effective maintenance and short standing times**

Hamburg / Rivalta Scrivia, April 14, 2021. During the coronavirus crisis, rail freight transport has yet again proven its strategic and decisive role in securing the supply chain throughout European countries. But in order to maintain a high standard of performance and reliability, it is important to provide regular maintenance, repair and updating while keeping standing times as short as possible.

Now, two industry leaders have come together to provide a holistic service and maintenance approach to the entire train system by offering a joint workshop for locomotives and rail cars at the newly established *Integrated Railway Maintenance Pole*, consisting of VTG and IMATEQ Italia, the local service location of Vossloh Locomotives, in Rivalta Scrivia – Tortona (AL).

The Integrated Railway Maintenance Pole has found its headquarters at the Katoen Natie Logistics Interport, with a total area of 450 thousand square meters and 350 thousand square meters excellently connected with the railway network of RFI. Both, VTG and IMATEQ present themselves as a dependable partner offering reliable, efficient, competitive rail service with intervention times inspired by the concept of one "pit-stop" for the whole train system to national operators. "We look forward to collaborating and exchanging expertise with IMATEQ to achieve the best possible outcome for our customers. Our workforce is structured to ensure quality and short standing times, giving it a competitive edge," Steffen Gahtow, Head of Maintenance and Procurement at VTG says. Walter Serra, Senior Director at IMATEQ underlines: "In times of Covid-19, in which rail transport has proved to be a strategic and decisive asset for our country, together with VTG we are able to assure domestic operators a reliable, efficient and competitive maintenance service."

"We see this as a very important cooperation project that sends an important signal for the future and sustainably supports freight transport and safety on rails," adds Stefan Herr, Vice President Sales at Vossloh Locomotives. All workshop services are guaranteed and certified in accordance with the framework conditions in legislative, regulatory and railway safety matters.

About VTG:

Headquartered in Hamburg, VTG Aktiengesellschaft is a global asset owner and logistics company with a strong focus on rail. Besides hiring out rail freight wagons and tank containers, it also provides multimodal logistical services and integrated digital solutions. The company's fleet includes around 95,000 rail freight wagons – mostly tank wagons, intermodal wagons, standard freight wagons and sliding-wall wagons – as well as about 9,000 tank containers.

This diversified service portfolio gives VTG's customers a robust platform for international freight transportation, based on which the company develops made-to-measure logistical solutions for any and every industry. Over many years, VTG has accumulated granular expertise across the entire transport chain – expertise that is now flanked by smart technology. The Group likewise combines a wealth of experience with a specialized knowledge of the

transportation of liquid and sensitive goods in particular. Its customers include a plethora of leading companies representing the chemicals, petroleum, automotive and paper industries, agriculture and virtually every other sector besides.

VTG posted revenue of EUR 1,221 million and an operating profit (EBITDA) of EUR 512 million in the 2019 financial year. The Hamburg-based company's subsidiaries and affiliates give it a sizable footprint in Europe, North America, Russia and Asia. Effective December 31, 2019, VTG employed around 1,750 people worldwide. For further information, please visit www.vtg.com.

About IMATEQ Italia:

IMATEQ Italia, a subsidiary of the long-established Vossloh Locomotives company based in northern Germany (Kiel), one of the world's largest manufacturers of diesel locomotives, is another location for technical support services in Italy. The workshop in Rivalta Scrivia offers Italian customers of Vossloh Locomotives, as well as locomotive operators of other operators, a wide range of maintenance, repair and technical modernisation services. The main activities of IMATEQ Italia are scheduled and corrective maintenance, repair and technical-technological modernisation of diesel locomotives. Already today, IMATEQ Italia is an efficient ECM contact for C and D functions for freight line operators, but also for companies active in the construction and maintenance of railway infrastructure with their special rolling stock. For more information, visit www.imateq.it.

About Vossloh Locomotives:

State-of-the-art diesel locomotives from Vossloh Locomotives lead the way throughout Europe. For the European market leader, attributes such as economy, flexibility and environmental friendliness are the focus of development, design and production. Vossloh Locomotives also offers maintenance solutions that are geared to the specific needs of its customers. In the competence centre, operators also receive comprehensive services for state-of-the-art diesel locomotives. For further information, please visit www.vossloh-locomotives.com.

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