

## Press Release

# VTG wins “German Transport Transition Prize”: Actively driving the modal shift with r2L technology

**Hamburg, April 7, 2022.** Building the future of rail freight: The Pro Rail Alliance has presented its “German Transport Transition Prize” to VTG. The prize comes as part of the “Transport Transition In Practice” project, which is funded by the Federal Ministry for the Environment. A panel of independent experts representing practitioners and the scientific community praised the roadrailLink (r2L) technology for its innovative nature and huge potential to realize the modal shift. r2L was thus singled out as a best-practice example of sustainable transport and mobility.

“As a leading international wagon leasing and rail logistics company with the largest privately-owned fleet in Europe, VTG is actively driving the transport transition,” says Sven Wellbrock, Chief Operating Officer Europe and Chief Safety Officer at VTG AG. “We want to get rail fit for the future. And we want to give our customers solutions that are easy to adapt and slot into their supply chains. So we are delighted to have our work recognized in this way and to win the “German Transport Transition Prize.”

### Active contribution to the transport transition

Together with logistics provider VEGA International and vehicle manufacturer Kässbohrer, VTG has developed a solution that enables hitherto non-craneable semitrailers to travel by rail. “Some 95 percent of all semitrailers in the EU are still non-craneable, which means they are not suitable for combined transport,” explains Jakob Öhrström, Managing Director and Head of the Intermodal Center of Competence at VTG Rail Europe. “The r2L transshipment and transport technology enables freight transport to be shifted simply and with immediate effect from road to rail.” The r2L ramp means that 97 percent of all truck trailers that were hitherto non-craneable are now craneable. It is a fully galvanized loading ramp onto which the trailer can be driven. A terminal crane or reach stacker then lifts the ramp, complete with the trailer, onto a double pocket wagon.

This technology thus adds value for the environment, makes transport more seamless and can already cut CO<sub>2</sub> emissions today. As a reference point, an average truck consumes 33 liters of diesel per 100 km and generates 2.615 kg of carbon dioxide emissions per liter of diesel. Based on this data, every single r2L ramp can save up to 200 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions per year. These numbers once again underscore VTG’s commitment to working with the forwarding industry to actively support the European Union’s climate targets – and actively drive the modal shift from road to rail.

### 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 88,500 rail freight wagons – mostly tank wagons, intermodal wagons, standard freight wagons and sliding-wall wagons – as well as about 5,000 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 1,218 million and an operating profit (EBITDA) of EUR 492 million in the 2020 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, 2020, VTG employed around 2,100 people worldwide.

More information at [www.vtg.com](http://www.vtg.com).

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