

Press information

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Positive year 2009 for Innofreight

The Styrian company group Innofreight has completed the year 2009 with a turnover of 8.5 m. euros. Compared with the year before this is a satisfactory business development, sums up positively Peter Wanek-Pusset, the managing director of the Innofreight group.

The enterprise develops and provides special containers for the transportation of bulk goods in paper, energy, cellulose and timber industry. Innofreight rents out the containers to railway companies which use them as a transportation means in the supply chains developed for these branches of industry. At present, Innofreight has over 2,500 containers (WoodTainers) in its own fleet and rents them out to railway companies, such as Rail Cargo Austria. In the year 2009 four m. tons of bulk goods were transported in Europe with the containers on rail. Wanek-Pusset, the managing director of Innofreight: "To transport this amount on rail means that 200,000 fewer trucks were going on Europe's roads." WoodTainer is primarily running in combined rail-road freight traffic. The pre- and post-run is carried out with a truck, the transportation on a long distance on rail.

Innofreight was founded eight years ago in the upper Styrian town Bruck a.d. Mur and today consists of two internationally operating enterprises with the following enterprise focus:

Innofreight Consulting & Logistics GmbH has been developing innovative wagons, containers and unloading systems for paper, timber, cellulose and energy industry for five years. At present, the company is concentrating on advising third parties, such as for example loading facilities or how a wood yard shall be equipped so that the advantages of the Innofreight transport systems can be optimally used.

The following special transport solutions have been developed in this company within the last years:

1. **WoodTainer XXL** with **rotary unloading** possibility for the combined bulk goods transport on rail and road (combined traffic)
2. **WoodTainer XXL with HardTop cover** for moisture-sensitive bulk goods
3. **WoodTainer XS**
4. **Round wood pallet** for containerization of round wood transport
5. **WoodTainer XL**
6. **AgroTainer XXXL**

Innofreight has patents for these transport solutions.

Innofreight Speditions GmbH organizes international cargo transports (Czech Republic, Sweden, Germany) in combined traffic with special containers and uses its own developed WoodTainers (2,500 units and 25 unloading devices in the fleet).

"We have largely completed our research and development work and concentrate now, together with partners, fully on marketing of our innovative transportation solutions in Austria and in Europe", says Wanek-Pusset. Innofreight has developed into the leading suppliers of special equipment in Europe whose solutions are of benefit to the environment as well. The shifting of goods transports from road onto rail reduces CO₂ emissions and, in the long run, guarantees a better quality of life for people.

Bernhard Grentner, also a managing director of Innofreight adds: "With our technology we make cost-saving rail transportation possible and contribute to the sustainability." An economic rail transport secures Austria's business location, particularly in the area of Austrian timber and paper industry which profits from Innofreight containers.

Honored for the Accomplishments

The Innofreight group was awarded following prizes for the development of its branch-specific solution for timber, energy, cellulose and paper industry:

2005 State Prize for Logistics for the development of new transportation technologies

2006 Styrian Innovation Prize Fast Forward Award

2006 State Prize for Innovation Econovius

2008 nominated for the Austrian Climate Protection Prize

2009 Green Logistics Award Slovenia

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