

## Press release

### Landmark joint venture sealed to produce the wagon innovation TransANT

- **ÖBB Rail Cargo Group and voestalpine sign contract to form a joint project company**
- **Co-created wagon innovation TransANT to set new benchmark for the market**
- **TransANT provides for a modern, flexible and future-oriented platform concept that can be customised to meet specific customer requirements**

(Vienna, 09/03/2020) – ÖBB-Technische Services GmbH, a subsidiary of the ÖBB Rail Cargo Group and voestalpine Stahl GmbH, a subsidiary of the Steel Division of the voestalpine corporation, signed a 50:50 joint venture for the formation of TransANT GmbH. This paves the way for the implementation of their co-created platform concept TransANT. This innovative, lightweight platform wagon created by the two companies not only sets new standards in the rail logistics industry in terms of flexibility and modularity, it also sets a new benchmark on the freight transport market. “With TransANT, we channelled our expertise in innovative transport solutions into a landmark concept. The joint venture will put this revolutionary technology on the rails and make rail freight transport more flexible, more sustainable and more attractive”, says Sandra Gott-Karlbauer, Managing Director of ÖBB-Technische Services GmbH. “By signing this joint venture, we are taking a huge leap forward in rail freight transport. TransANT is the innovation we need today to revolutionise the market of tomorrow”, declares Thomas Kargl, CEO of RCG. “What started out on paper two years ago is now protecting the environment and saving money. The joint venture gives us a common framework for driving forward this innovation. The time has come,” confirms Wolfgang Mitterdorfer, Sales Director of the voestalpine Steel Division.

#### **TransANT – from paper to rail**

TransANT opens up a new world of rail logistics for customers. Its modular platform concept makes it possible to load greater volumes and also makes it a flexible superstructure that can be customised to meet every individual logistics requirement. Work has been going on to manufacture the TransANT range since its product launch in autumn 2018. It did not take long before the first prototypes were sent to customers for test runs thanks to the bundled expert knowledge of the ÖBB, voestalpine and voestalpine’s logistics subsidiary Logserv. The first 60 freight wagons from the TransANT product range have been successfully and efficiently transporting domestic ore for voestalpine since autumn 2019.

What is more, this revolutionary concept impresses not only with its lightweight structure and its flexibility; it has also been crowned with many awards, such as the EFFIE Award for advertising and market communication, the State Prize for Mobility, WEKA Industrie Medien’s EVA B2B Event Award. It also received a nomination for the Privatbahn Magazine Innovation Award and was awarded third place at the Federal Association for Logistics Sustainability Award Logistics in 2019.

### **Joint Venture - Agility across group boundaries**

The joint venture of ÖBB RCG and voestalpine has set itself the task of creating capacities in the market for innovative and cost-efficient freight cars and maintaining the necessary agility across group boundaries. The objective of the project company, with a share of 50% for each partner, is to bundle the activities of both groups, starting with a preparatory phase for planning, project management and establishing contacts with potential customers of the innovative TransANT freight car concept. With the signing of the joint venture, the partnership has now been formalized and the planning of the plant construction, pre-series production and transition to series production has been initiated.

### **ÖBB-Technical Services GmbH**

With 4,000 employees at 25 locations, 22 of which are in Austria, ÖBB-Technische Services GmbH is the largest maintenance company for rail vehicles and related components in Austria. Decades of experience, state-of-the-art technologies and a strong customer focus form the foundation for professional, economical and safe maintenance, which is currently trusted by railroad companies from fifteen European countries.

### **Rail Cargo Group: Freight traffic of the ÖBB**

The Rail Cargo Group is one of the leading rail logistics companies in Europe with annual sales of 2.3 billion euros and 9,340 employees. Together with strong partners, the Rail Cargo Group offers a comprehensive network of end-to-end-logistics in Europe and far beyond to Asia. It connects European conurbations and ports with prosperous economic centers in Russia, Turkey and all the way to China. The Rail Cargo Group's lead operating company is Rail Cargo Austria AG.

### **ÖBB: Austria's largest mobility service provider**

As a comprehensive mobility service provider, the ÖBB group takes 477 million passengers and 105 million tons of goods to their destinations annually in an environmentally friendly manner. Rail passengers travel in a way that is especially good for the environment, since 100 percent of our traction current comes from renewable energy sources. In 2019, ÖBB was one of the most punctual rail companies in Europe with around 96 percent punctuality. Group-wide, 41,904 employees in rail and bus and around 2,000 trainees ensure that around 1.3 million passengers arrive safely at their destination each day. ÖBB-Holding AG is the strategic parent company of the Group.

### **The voestalpine Group**

In its business segments, voestalpine is a globally leading steel and technology group with a unique combination of materials and processing expertise. voestalpine, which operates globally, has around 500 Group companies and locations in more than 50 countries on all five continents. It has been listed on the Vienna Stock Exchange since 1995. With its top-quality products and system solutions, it is a leading partner to the automotive and consumer goods industries as well as the aerospace and oil & gas industries, and is also the world market leader in railway systems, tool steel, and special sections. voestalpine is fully committed to the global climate goals and is working intensively to develop technologies which will allow it to decarbonize and reduce its CO<sub>2</sub> emissions over the long term. In the business year 2019/20, the Group generated revenue of EUR 12.7 billion, with an operating result (EBITDA) of EUR 1.2 billion; it had about 49,000 employees worldwide.



## **Steel Division**

As a global manufacturer of high quality steel products, the Steel Division of the voestalpine Group is a driving force toward a clean future worth living. In steel production, the division sets environmental benchmarks for current production routes and works simultaneously on future options based on hydrogen to help bring about steelmaking routes low in CO<sub>2</sub>. It is the first point of contact for major automotive manufacturers and suppliers when it comes to highest quality steel strip and offers support to its customers around the world. It is also one of the most important partners to the European white goods and mechanical engineering industries. The Steel Division produces heavy plates for applications in extreme conditions for the energy sector, providing custom solutions not only to the oil & gas industry but also to the renewable energy industry. It operates the world's most advanced direct reduction plant in Corpus Christi, Texas, USA, producing highest quality pre-materials (HBI) used in steel production by Group companies and external entities alike. In the business year 2019/20, the Steel Division generated revenue of EUR 4.6 billion, reported an operating result (EBITDA) of EUR 494 million, and had around 10,400 employees worldwide.

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