

Press release

Delivery of the first Vectron Multisystems to TX Logistik

Alpha Trains extends locomotive portfolio, TX Logistik put new Vectron into rail operation

- First two of ten new Vectron locomotive handed over
- Long-term rental contract concluded with TX Logistik
- Full maintenance and repair services provided by Alpha Trains

Cologne/Troisdorf, 3 April 2017 – Alpha Trains invests into the latest generation of eco-friendly and powerful state-of-the-art electro-technology and buys ten new Vectron Multisystem locomotives. The leading lessor of rolling stock in continental Europe expands its portfolio, thus consolidating its relevant market position. The first two locomotives were delivered by Siemens last Wednesday. The locomotives went directly to their lessee, TX Logistik AG.

Both locomotives that were built and handed over at the Siemens manufacturing plant in Munich-Allach carry the slogan “Zwei Pole mit enormer Zugkraft” (“Two poles with enormous tractive power”) in large letters. “TX and Alpha are strong and powerful partners,” says Fernando Pérez, managing director of Alpha Trains Locomotives Division. “We both strive for true efficiency in freight transport.” The use of the new locomotives with the latest technology constitutes a strong competitive edge for TX Logistik. By choosing Vectron, the rail logistics service provider opts for top traction quality and consistent transport operations.

“Modernisation is an ongoing task that starts at the front end of our transport operations. We are keeping a young fleet and are facing the future with advanced high-performance technology,” explains Mirko Pahl, chairman of TX Logistik about the latest investments. “With ten new Vectrons we are taking a new generation of traction to the railway network: The multisystem locomotives are interoperable and can be used flexibly on our core corridors between Padborg and Verona. The positioning of TX on the north-south-axis is further strengthened as a result.”

With up to 160 kilometres an hour and an output of 6,400 kW, the Vectron MS is used to transport goods on the return route between Germany, Austria and Italy. To perform the cross-border traffic, the locomotives are equipped with both country-specific transaction and train control systems and the European Train Control System (ETCS).



Eight further Vectron MS will be delivered in three phases in 2017. These will also go into operation with TX Logistik.

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Delivery of the first Vectron Multisystems to TX Logistik (v.l.): Christian Kai Beßler (Specialist Fleet Management Locomotive, TXL), Mirko Pahl (CEO TXL), Fernando Perez (Managing Director Alpha Trains) and Peter Magedler (Engineering Director Alpha Trains)

About Alpha Trains

Alpha Trains is the leading leasing company for rolling stock in continental Europe. Around 100 staff members from 11 countries are working for branches in Luxembourg, Antwerp, Cologne and Madrid. Alpha Trains is the owner of 435 trainsets and 380 locomotives and provides customers with tailor-made leasing solutions, comprehensive maintenance and repair know-how for vehicles and many years of experience in financing new constructions. The Alpha Trains' fleets are in use by many public and private operators in 13 European countries. Alpha Trains' shareholders are Arcus Infrastructure Fund, AMP Capital and Public Sector Pension Investment Board (PSP Investment).

About TX Logistik AG

TX Logistik was founded as a private railway company in 1999 and has access to an efficient European network. The company with a staff of around 500 generated a turnover of 240 million Euros in 2016. TX Logistik has been fully owned by Ferrovie dello Stato Italiane's subsidiary Mercitalia Group since January 2017.

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