

PowerHaul - Longer, Heavier Trains...

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Freightliner is pleased to announce that PowerHaul locomotive 70001 has successfully completed operational trials hauling, the first ever 30 wagon train to and from the Port of Felixstowe.

Following a test run last week, the PowerHaul locomotive today conveyed a train of 60 imported boxes to Freightliner's terminal in Birmingham before returning later that night with exports.

With higher haulage and acceleration capabilities, the PowerHaul locos are able to increase payloads per train and retain timing criteria to preserve rail network capacity. Through PowerHaul, Freightliner is uniquely increasing port capacity, increasing network utilisation, reducing CO2 emissions, reducing fuel use and improving reliability.

This facilitates the anticipated growth in number of containers entering the UK's deep sea ports, and decreases road congestion by removing over 120 lorries from the UK's roads for each return trip.

Adam Cunliffe, Managing Director, Freightliner Ltd said, "We currently operate 21 daily services from the Port of Felixstowe, and until developments within the port are completed the number of train slots are limited. By utilising our new PowerHaul locomotives we are able to increase the capacity available to our customers whilst improving our carbon footprint."



The first two PowerHaul locos arrived in the UK on 8th November and were followed by a further four on 2nd December. Freightliner's bulk freight division - Freightliner Heavy Haul - also completed successful trials in the same week with PowerHaul locomotive 70002, hauling 1300 tonnes of coal from Portbury to Rugeley Power Station.

More information about PowerHaul locomotives can be found at:
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Freightliner Group Limited is the parent company of Freightliner Limited (the container business), Freightliner Heavy Haul Limited (the bulk rail freight business) Freightliner Maintenance Limited (a separate entity dedicated to the repair and maintenance of traction and rolling stock) and their European subsidiary, Freightliner Poland Limited.

Since privatisation in 1996 Freightliner Group has:

- Increased turnover by over 180%.
- Increased the volume of containers moved by rail by over 55%, which would otherwise have gone by road, adding to congestion and pollution.
- Increased the number of its employees by 65%.
- Successfully branched out into the movement of bulk freight by rail. The company was the first Rail Freight operator to bring competition into the market place, breaking the monopoly of the incumbent operator.
- Raised investment of well over £477m to fund its growth and expanded business activity.
- Received a number of awards, including the 2006 HSBC Rail Operator of the Year - the first non-passenger company to do so - and in 2008, for the seventh time in eleven years, and the fourth consecutive year, the IFW Rail Freight Award.

Freightliner Limited is the UK's largest haulier of maritime containers, accounting for 20% of the total market share, and 81% of the rail-fed market. Its business is concentrated through five key deep-sea ports: Felixstowe, Southampton, Thamesport, Tilbury and Seaforth. The company provides trunk rail services between these ports and inland rail freight interchanges (of which they own and operate 8), moving customers' containers on the first or last leg of a worldwide voyage, transporting up to 3,000 boxes per day. In addition, as part of its complete logistics offering, Freightliner operates a fleet of over 300 road vehicles to provide the road leg to customer's premises.

In March 2004 'Logico' was launched as a new and complementary division to encourage a more diverse group of freight movers to use Freightliner's reliable and efficient Intermodal services. It provides regular rail-service space without the need to make a long term commitment. Just a year after its inception, Logico was awarded the IFW Rail Freight Award for attracting new rail freight business.

Freightliner Heavy Haul Limited (FHH) was established in 1999 to broaden the market diversity of what had traditionally been a single-market operator trading exclusively in deep-sea containers.

FHH was launched on the basis of using new equipment and recruiting the best people to set new standards of flexibility and reliability in the bulk freight sector. FHH now operates nationwide in the coal, aggregates, cement, waste, specialist minerals and petroleum sectors and also moves large numbers of trains in support of Network Rail's own programme of track maintenance and renewals.

Since starting in 1999, FHH has grown to a turnover of over £100m, with over 600 employees, and a fleet of 80 locomotives and over 1300 wagons - a capital investment of over £180m. Using these resources, FHH has secured a position carrying approximately 30% of the bulk rail freight market, and continues to grow.

Freightliner Maintenance Limited. In April 2006 Freightliner Group established a new subsidiary, Freightliner Maintenance Limited (FML), which operates as a separate entity, dedicated to the repair and maintenance of traction and rolling stock. At present, FML is responsible for the scheduled maintenance and repairs of the Freightliner UK fleet of locomotives and coal and cement wagon fleet. FML commenced its operations at their Midland Road depot, but has since grown to include two more depots at Hope and Dunbar in their portfolio, as well as field engineering support across the UK.

Freightliner PL Sp. z o.o. In 2005 Freightliner Group recognised an opportunity to expand its operations in the European market, and established Freightliner PL Sp. z o.o. FPL began their operations in 2007, entering the Polish market with seven brand new class 66 locomotives and over 430 specialist wagons. After an initial coal contract, they are currently operating cross border services, moving aggregates from a German quarry into Poland.

Freightliner Australia Pty Ltd currently holds Rail Safety Accreditation with the New South Wales Independent Transport Safety and Reliability Regulator (ITSRR), Queensland Transport (QT), and the Western Australian Department of Planning and Infrastructure (DPI) allowing Freightliner to operate without restriction across New South Wales, Queensland and the WestNet Rail Network of Western Australia. With the capability to service a variety of customers and business sectors in each of these jurisdictions Freightliner Australia commenced operations in July 2009, transporting containerised cotton from Wee Waa to Port Botany on behalf of Namoi Cotton.