

## TCB Railway expands its rail services and reaches a transportation capacity of 17,000 TEUs per month

- The company has increased the frequency of trains and has begun to serve Arrubal station (La Rioja)

**22 April 2013.** TCB Railway, which forms part of Grup TCB and specialises in rail freight, has reached a monthly transportation capacity of 17,000 TEUs between the Port of Barcelona and hinterland intermodal terminals in Zaragoza, Vitoria, Selgua, Azuqueca de Henares, Burgos and Valladolid.

*"With the current operational capacity of 280 trains per month, to date TCB Railway has been responsible for the most ambitious railway commitment that has been seen in any Spanish port", says **Xavier Moliné, CEO of TCB Railway.***

Last year, the TCB subsidiary has handled 117,000 TEUs and the forecast for 2013 is its increasing by 11% to reach 130,000 TEUs annually, thanks to the company's work plans and the launch of new services.

In February, TCB Railway inaugurated a freight service at the Arrubal station (La Rioja) to cover the Logroño region with six weekly roundtrip trains. At the same time, the company has increased the number of rail frequencies to provide service to hinterland terminals and it has managed to make four to five daily departures at one of them.

The company's services will increase with the launch of the Barcelona – Tarragona corridor, a project that TCB Railway will implement in 2013.

The volume handled by TCB Railway has been constantly increasing since Grup TCB founded it in 2006. The aim was to diversify its logistics business and provide shipping companies, as well as import and export companies, added value in the form of independent freight management, door-to-door service, quality of service and safety, while respecting the environment and reducing costs.

The rail terminal will have a significant leap during 2013, once the yard expansion works at the Barcelona Container Terminal (TCB) have been finalised. The expansion includes the extension of the rail terminal from current 450 metres to 750 metres in order to increase the efficiency of Grup TCB's intermodal services. In addition, the company will have six mixed gauge rail tracks to facilitate the connection with Europe.

### About Grup TCB

Grup TCB is a global reference in the creation and management of efficient maritime port terminals. Currently, it operates 11 container terminals: Barcelona, Canary Islands,

Valencia, Gijon, Paranagua (Brasil), Havana (Cuba), Progreso (Mexico), Buenaventura (Colombia), Nemrut Bay (Turkey) and, in the future, Puerto Quetzal (Guatemala). It also has two subsidiaries in the intermodal services sector (TCB Railway Transport and TCV Railway Transport) and four rail terminals (Barcelona, Valencia, Gijon, Zaragoza).

Grup TCB puts special emphasis on optimising internal resources and the organic development of its business, which is being achieved by implementing the latest technologies and professional training of its personnel. This guarantees the quality of its operations, maximum sustainability and environmental compatibility.

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