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**4th UIC Global Rail Freight Conference – "GRFC 2014" – organised with Austrian Federal Railways (ÖBB) to be held from 23 – 25 June 2014 in Vienna**

***2014 edition will focus on the main theme of "Seamless Transport Chains through Harmonisation – Success Stories and Global Perspectives for Rail Freight" – a trade exhibition will be open to all actors and partners of the transport and logistics chain***

(Paris, 17 February 2014) Following a series of successful editions that each attracted several hundred participants to Delhi (2007), Saint-Petersburg (2010) and Tangier (2012), the 4th edition of the UIC Global Rail Freight Conference – "GRFC 2014" – will take place from 23 – 25 June in Vienna. This international event, which has become a worldwide reference for all actors and decision-makers involved in rail freight and logistics business, is jointly organised by UIC, Austrian Federal Railways (ÖBB) and Rail Cargo Group (Member of ÖBB) with the support of Europoint, the professional conference organiser. The conference will be held at the Hilton Stadtpark Vienna, a convenient venue in the centre of the city.

The central theme of the "GRFC 2014" is *"Seamless Transport Chains through Harmonisation – Success Stories and Global Perspectives for Rail Freight"*. It will offer a key opportunity to address all the strategic issues of rail freight development focusing on the management and harmonisation framework, new products and multimodal partnerships, international corridors, new technological trends...

The aim of the GRFC conference is to develop benchmarking and exchange of best practice at global level and to stimulate new partnerships between all stakeholders and actors involved. The UIC Global Rail Freight Conference is the place to be every two years for decision-makers from the political, economic and transport world, top rail executives, customers and business partners from the logistics and transport sector, high-level representatives of international institutions and professional associations from across the globe.

The sessions of the 4th UIC Global Rail Freight Conference will focus on the latest developments and perspectives in the following areas:

"Harmonisation of Procedures and Standardisation"

"Spatial Planning and Rail Freight"

"Logistics and Integration on Rail Corridors"

"How to gain new Market Shares?"

"Innovation and New Technological Trends", etc.

In parallel to the conference and session programme, "GRFC 2014" will host a professional trade exhibition at the Hilton Stadtpark Vienna.

This exhibition will offer a high visibility to all actors of rail freight and global logistics and to all partners and institutions cooperating with the rail sector to develop effective rail freight transport systems across the globe.

International media are invited to attend the 4th UIC Global Rail Freight Conference. Accreditation for international media has to be requested from the UIC Communications Department: [Com@uic.org](mailto:Com@uic.org), with references of the national media, national press ID, etc.

Media from Austria will have to request accreditation directly from the ÖBB Press Department.

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