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Green Cargo – the largest rail freight operator in Sweden is celebrating 20 years

Our company, Green Cargo, was founded two decades ago with the objective of strengthening Sweden's competitiveness as an attractive rail freight operator, and this is something that we are celebrating this year! We currently have 1,800 employees who, in their professional roles, can contribute to this development, and we are continuing the creation of a sustainable and well-functioning freight transportation system.

We are turning back the clock and revisiting what once was. The state-owned

Statens Järnvägar (the Swedish State Railways), dating back to the mid-1800s, underwent a dramatic change on January 1, 2001. The entire commercial railway market was split into various corporations, and seven companies were formed:

- Green Cargo AB (rail freight)
- SJ AB (passenger transport)
- Euromaint AB (fleet maintenance)
- Train Tech Engineering (railway technology)
- Unigrid AB (IT)
- Jernhusen AB (property)
- Trafficare AB (terminal services)

When Green Cargo was founded in 2001, the choice of name was very deliberate. Right from the beginning, sustainability was a natural part of our operations. We take societal, environmental and financial responsibility. When we talk of sustainable logistics, we don't just consider the climatic element, but also the traffic safety, punctuality and cost-efficiency of our shipments.

We are rooted in the origins of Swedish rail traffic and are the most experienced operator in rail logistics. Round the clock, we transport raw materials from forests and mines to the process industries, and consumer goods to the retail sector using 400 freight trains, which replaces the use of 8,800 trucks.

We are now looking forward to continuing to be an important partner for our customers and an attractive employer with a focus on sustainability. We will continue to drive issues on central infrastructure investments for sustainable freight transportation and strengthen competitiveness for trade and industry for the next 20 years just as we have for the 20 behind us.

During the year, we will be highlighting our anniversary. Keep your eyes and ears open and follow us on our channels. Come and join us on our continued journey now – All aboard!

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Green Cargo provides the business sector with safe, high-capacity, and sustainable transport services to around 200 locations in Scandinavia. Through our partners, we reach nearly 1,000 destinations across the rest of Europe. In 2024, our transport volume amounted to 9.7 billion net tonne-kilometres. Nearly 98 percent of our total transport work is carried out using electric locomotives powered exclusively by fossil-free electricity. Every weekday, we operate 31 million net tonne-kilometres, replacing approximately 9,000 truck journeys on the road network. We have 1,750 employees and an annual turnover of SEK 4.2 billion (2024).

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