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Photo, from left: Alexander Johansson, Sales & Marketing Officer at Hutchison Ports Sweden, Roy Hayward, Business Development Executive at Containerships and Lawrence Yam, CEO at Hutchison Ports Sweden.

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Green Cargo and Containerships expand partnership with a new rail shuttle service

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Containerships, a multimodal transportation company, and Green Cargo have been collaborating since 2012 on rail-based container transportation. Containerships has transported its volumes using Green Cargo's intermodal

network, with the most significant volumes to and from Helsingborg.

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"If cargo owners are to move their European shipments from the roads to a multimodal form, the service needs to be robust, reliable and fast. This shuttle service improves our total door-to-door offering and provides higher capacity to meet demand. It was natural for us to select a rail solution in which Containerships will be a leading company in offering freight solutions that promote the climate transition. Our ships are transitioning to natural gas and biofuel and, on land, we use trains as much as we can. We welcome more Swedish cargo owners to join us in making a difference," says Urban Williamsson, Short Sea Director at Containerships.

The first train arrives at Norvik Harbor on 12 April 2021.

With the new shuttle service, Containerships will create its own land network supplementing its sea freight and providing the opportunity to combine as many locations as possible. The company will also have full control of its capacity, resulting in increased cost-efficiency. The train will serve six Swedish terminals with cargo from southern Europe and the UK.

"We are proud to be a part of this customers' railway investment, the first of its kind in Sweden, in which a multimodal transportation company is gaining competitive advantage by strengthening its on-land competitiveness. The solution enables the customer to control cargo via their own network to the ports best suited to each export and import shipment," says Jonas Börjesson, Strategic Account Manager at Green Cargo.

The new solution with Green Cargo means that, compared with using road freight, Containerships reduces its carbon emissions by about 150,000 tonnes per year, just between Helsingborg and Stockholm. Not only is the partnership between Green Cargo and Containerships significant for the environment, it also leads to safer roads.

“I am pleased we have been able to create an efficient solution in which we meet the customer’s land transportation requirements by combining new trains in existing networks. As such, we are combining the two most sustainable modes of transportation, rail and sea freight, which will lead to an extremely sustainable and competitive solution,” says Jonas Börjesson, Strategic Account Manager at Green Cargo.

Green Cargo is a sustainable logistics partner and crucial for Scandinavia's trade and industry. Electric trains make up over 95 percent of our ton kilometrage, meaning the climate impact is next to zero. Every 24 hours, some 400 freight trains depart, replacing around 8,500 truckloads on the road network. We serve close to 300 locations in Sweden, Norway and Denmark through our network, and with our partners we reach all of Europe. Green Cargo is owned by the Swedish State. We transport 21 million tonnes of freight, have 1,800 employees and annual sales of about SEK 4 billion (2020).

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