

SNCB gives Ab Ovo assignment for the development of a prototype of the Rail Cargo System

Capelle aan den IJssel, the Netherlands 6 December 2007 – After a tender procedure the Belgian rail cargo operator B-Cargo, part of SNCB, selected Dutch ICT rail specialist Ab Ovo to develop a prototype of their Rail Cargo System and to evaluate the current business processes. The Rail Cargo System is the first application that supports the whole transport process from terminal to terminal including local service traffic, contracts, orders and financial settlement. One of the key advantages of the Rail Cargo System is the high flexibility of the application combined with a low Total Cost of Ownership. Recently the application has been successfully implemented at Railion Netherlands, the biggest railway transport company in the Netherlands. The system is built using Ab Ovo's in house MDA development tool (TET Technology). More information about Ab Ovo can be found at www.ab-ovo.com.

About Ab Ovo

Ab Ovo is a fast growing IT-service provider that supports clients with high-minded services and products in order to improve their competitiveness. The company is an authority in the area of planning- and optimization solutions and offers innovative IT solutions based on 'best of breed' software' or their own development technology TET. Besides this an impressive track record has been built around managing complex, large-scale and in many cases troublesome projects in past years. This is why the company motto is: "With our help, it can be done".

Ab Ovo has a very wide clientele with reputable names such as KLM, Schiphol, several Dutch ministries, Achmea and KPN. Especially in the rail cargo sector the company is a well-established name with references such as the Railion Group (the Netherlands, Germany, Denmark), ProRail, National Express Group, First Group and EWS.

About the SNCB Group

Since 1 January 2005, the SNCB has been divided into three distinct public limited companies in order to comply with the European legislation on the liberalization of rail transport. All three companies (SNCB Holding, Infrabel and SNCB) have the status of an autonomous company and each have an Executive Board, a Managing Committee and an Administrateur-délégué. Within SNCB, B-Cargo is the division that is responsible for commercializing rail freight transport. B-Cargo acts as a regional operator. Particular attention is paid to Belgium and its immediate vicinity. By controlling the means of production (wagons, traction, planning) B-Cargo is able to guarantee better quality and to reduce costs.

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