

## SNCB replaces core IT systems with Rail Cargo System

*Belgian rail cargo operator B-Cargo, part of SNCB, second major rail operator after Railion Netherlands to choose for Rail Cargo System (RCS) from Dutch IT-solution provider Ab Ovo*

**Capelle a/d IJssel, 27 November 2008 --- After a thorough selection process B-Cargo decided to replace their core IT systems with Ab Ovo's RCS. The first phase of the implementation, which includes B-Cargo tailored contract, order and financial modules, is expected to be completed at the end of 2009. The second phase of the implementation, including all operational processes, will be finished at the end of 2010.**

Before the decision for Ab Ovo's RCS was made, a thorough selection process was carried out. After the tender procedure an extensive proof of concept took place to make absolutely sure that RCS fitted the needs of B-Cargo. Mr. Pauwels, Freight Group Coordinator within SNCB about the choice for RCS: *"The Rail Cargo System fits very well to our business processes and is a dedicated rail freight solution. Due to the systems' open structure it is relatively easy to adjust to new future market demands (e.g. changing legislation and collaborations, TAF TSI and so on). Also Ab Ovo's rail expertise played a significant role in our decision for RCS"*.

RCS is the first integrated rail cargo application that supports the whole transport process from terminal to terminal including local service traffic, contracts, orders, production planning, execution and financial settlement. The system is built using Model Driven Architecture development tooling that enables the modeling of very complex applications and generates these to common computer languages and hardware platforms.

### **About Ab Ovo**

Ab Ovo was founded in 1997 and has since supported clients to improve their competitiveness. Ab Ovo offers both intelligent solutions and consultancy around planning- and optimization issues as well as in the area of managing complex, large-scale and in many cases troublesome projects. Ab Ovo uses best of breed technology (both in-house and third party) to support their clients. The company motto is: "With our help, it can be done".

Ab Ovo has a wide international clientele within logistics with reputable names such as The Railion Group, DHL, National Express Group, FirstGroup, Eesti Raudtee, Slovenian Railways,

ERS, Vopak, AirFrance-KLM, Schiphol, Port of Rotterdam and so on. More information: [www.ab-ovo.com](http://www.ab-ovo.com).

### **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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