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## **“Eurasian rail corridors: what opportunities for freight stakeholders?”**

### ***Presentation of the study carried out by Roland Berger for UIC – Invitation to the media***

(Paris, UIC Headquarters, 29 September 2017, 10:00 – 13:00 hours)

(Paris, 18 September 2017) The development of intercontinental rail freight corridors opens extremely promising perspectives to the growth of rail transportation over long distance, as an alternative to other modes – maritime or road transport – or as an effective partner in the global logistic chain. These corridors are increasingly becoming a reality. Every month, new initiatives and logistics services linking Asia to Europe and vice versa are announced to the public.

UIC, as the worldwide organisation of railways, is particularly committed to support the successful implementation of long distance freight services linking Asia to Europe, either via the Trans Siberian routes or via the southern routes such as the ‘New Rail Silk Roads’.

According to its mission, UIC focuses its contribution on improving the harmonisation and interoperability of railway operations along these long corridors serving several countries and different rail systems. These efforts of the rail sector are made in close cooperation with all international organisations and associations with competence for political, legal or administrative aspects.

At this stage of development of Eurasian freight services, UIC considered as an essential objective to evaluate the potential transport market along these international corridors and to better assess the interest and expectations from customers, shippers, forwarders and partners in the logistic chain (intermodal operators, shipping lines, ports) in light of this development.

Therefore, the UIC Freight Forum (Freight CEOs of member railways) commissioned the study **“Eurasian rail corridors: what opportunities for freight stakeholders?”** that was carried out by Roland Berger consulting group in cooperation with UIC.

The aim consisted in describing the current situation and evolution trends on each of the Eurasian route linking China / the Far East to European rail freight corridors, over the Transsiberian routes or the ‘New Rail Silk Roads’.

Representatives of the media are cordially invited to the **presentation of the results of the study by Roland Berger on Friday 29 September from 10:00-13:00 at UIC Headquarters, 16 rue Jean Rey, 75015 Paris.**

The presentation will take place in the presence of representatives of UIC and member railways as well as a number of international organisations committed to facilitating operations along these intercontinental corridors.

The presentation of the study and following exchanges will take place in English. The presentation will be followed at 13:00 by a light cocktail for networking.

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