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## **DB SCHENKER RAIL UK TEAMS UP WITH PD PORTS FOR NEW INTERMODAL SERVICE**

DB Schenker Rail UK has collaborated with PD Ports in a completely new offering for the market, believed to be the first time that a rail freight company has partnered directly with a port to serve the Intermodal sector.

From Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August DB Schenker Rail UK will run a direct daily service (Monday to Friday) from PD Ports owned Teesport in Middlesbrough to Mossend and Grangemouth in Scotland. The onward leg to Grangemouth from Mossend has been enabled through close collaboration with Malcolm Logistics. The service will transport containerised traffic.

Les Morris, Head of Sales at DB Schenker Rail UK, said: "We are delighted to be working with PD Ports on this innovative and dynamic offering to the Intermodal market. We have worked closely with PD Ports to bring this service to fruition which will transport goods directly from Teesport to Scotland. This is an excellent example of how logistics companies can come together to provide bespoke solutions for our customers."

Geoff Lippitt, PD Ports' Business Development Director, said: "This new service operated by DB Schenker Rail UK will allow us to further develop Teesport's connections with Scotland and enhance the Port's transport infrastructure network to the benefit of shipping lines and intermodal customers. It will also provide daily links to European ro-ro and lo-lo services.

"The recent investment in a dedicated rail terminal at Teesport is part of PD Ports' wider growth strategy to position the Port as the Northern Gateway for containerised goods destined for the north of the UK. In the last three years we have seen the implementation of a new terminal operating system, the arrival of new RTG cranes and reach stackers as well as significant investment in yard infrastructure."

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### **Notes to editors:**

DB Schenker Rail UK, the country's largest rail freight company, runs daily intermodal services across the UK connecting ports, terminals and distribution centres. It also runs daily services via the Channel Tunnel transporting goods to and from Europe.

Teesport, owned and operated by PD Ports, is the UK's 3<sup>rd</sup> largest port by tonnage handling over 40M tonnes per annum. Positioned as one of the largest container ports in the North of England, Teesport has experienced more than 30% growth in container volumes in 2014 against the previous year.

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