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Schweizerzug increases service to Antwerp and Niederglatt

Frenkendorf, Switzerland, 2 January 2019: Schweizerzug AG is increasing its train frequencies between Switzerland and Belgium. Starting on 10 January 2019, the Swiss rail freight operator will be expanding services between its headquarters in Frenkendorf (near Basel) and the Port of Antwerp from two to three weekly roundtrips. This will offer more capacity to both importers and exporters in Switzerland and neighbouring countries. Since the start of January, Schweizerzug has also been offering daily services between the Frenkendorf train terminal and Niederglatt (near Zurich) – benefitting shippers in eastern Switzerland with a wider range of transport options.

Over the course of the past few months, several factors have placed extreme pressure on train and rail capacity: low water levels in the Rhine resulting in a shift from ship to rail transport as well as the general increase seen each year-end with larger transport volumes. Boosting the frequency on the Antwerp route to three roundtrips weekly will serve to significantly relieve capacity constraints and improve rail capacity moving forward.

Schweizerzug offers direct connections with the Antwerp Gateway 1700 terminal, which is operated by DP World. The Antwerp Gateway 1700 has links to all of the terminals at the port of Antwerp. The rail services between the Belgian hub in Antwerp and the Swiss terminals in Frenkendorf and Niederglatt will give customers at the heart of Europe a fast and reliable level of connectivity to one of the most important ports on the continent.

Roman Mayer, CEO of Schweizerzug AG, says: “We are excited about this next step in Schweizerzug’s ongoing expansion to offer our customers more connectivity and services between Switzerland and Antwerp. Shippers in both Switzerland and neighbouring regions will profit from our reliable and time-saving rail services.” He adds that “The events of the past few months have underscored yet again just how vital rail is – and will remain – for the transport of goods. Schweizerzug plans to continue further developing its range of transport products to meet market demand with the very best level of service available.”

Alongside direct services to the Port of Antwerp, Schweizerzug will also continue to offer three weekly services via the German hub in Neuss to the Port of Rotterdam as well as the Port of Antwerp. From Neuss onward, all terminals in Antwerp and Rotterdam are connected via both inland ship and rail.

The new schedule is available for download at www.schweizerzug.com.

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An image in high resolution is available under this [link](#). The caption reads: Schweizerzug connects Frenkendorf close to Basel directly with the port of Antwerp three times per week. Copyright: Schweizerzug AG.

About Schweizerzug AG

Schweizerzug AG connects the Swiss locations in Frenkendorf (near Basel) and Niederglatt (near Zurich) with Europe’s largest seaports in Rotterdam and Antwerp. The company offers direct rail services to the Antwerp Gateway 1700 terminal, which in turn has connections to all terminals at the Port of Antwerp. Connections to the



port of Rotterdam are handled via the hub Neuss Trimodal in Germany, whereby additional links with Antwerp are offered as well. More information is available at www.schweizerzug.com.

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