



## The Association of European Vehicle Logistics

### Press Release

### ***ECG tops membership record of 81 and enlarge reach to 24 Countries***

**Brussels, 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2007** - On the eve of its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary – to be celebrated in Bruxelles on February 26<sup>th</sup> - ECG, the Brussels-based Association of European Vehicle Logistics ([www.eurocartrans.org](http://www.eurocartrans.org)) has achieved two milestones by reaching a record number both in membership and countries represented.

Seven new members have joined ECG in the last few weeks, taking the total membership to a record **81 members** while the geographical reach has been extended to **24 countries** by including Greece. Furthermore, new members strengthen ECG presence in key developing markets such as Russia and Ukraine. **The 7 new members are:** Hellenic Logistics (Greece); Freeport of Finland (Finland); Pasha Group UK (UK); Walon France (France); N-Trans (Ukraine), LLC Rolf-Logistic (Russia); TransGroup (Russia).

“ECG is delighted in this further increase in membership; having only just announced its 70<sup>th</sup> member last June – commented the **ECG President, Kay H. Ewaldsen** -. In a highly competitive but still fragmented sector such as vehicle logistics, such a display of confidence from the main players to join ECG shows the association’s growing role not only in terms of education and lobbying at EU level but also as the industry platform to develop co-operation, to further improve productivity, with our main clients: the Car Manufacturers. We can assure both the members as well as the other stakeholders that ECG will pursue its mission to be the voice of the sector”.

ECG members operate in the field of outbound logistics for the Automotive sector, this include quality control at the end of the assembly line, storage in special compounds, transport in all modalities – rail, road, inland waterways and sea – de-waxing, Pre-Delivery Inspections, customising, workshop activities and the refurbishing of former fleet vehicles.

- Being **ECG’s first Greek member ever, Hellenic Logistics** ([www.helleniclogistics.com](http://www.helleniclogistics.com)) offers integrated services in storage, stock management, processing, preparation and delivery of vehicles. It operates 60 trucks and a 450,000 sq.m. compound, including a 15,000 sq.m. workshop.
- Established in 1960, **Freeport of Finland** ([www.freeport.fi](http://www.freeport.fi)) has become the car logistics centre of Finland, handling over 360,000 vehicles each year with two compounds having a total area of 130,000 sq.m.
- **Walon France** ([www.walon.fr](http://www.walon.fr)) operates 24 distribution & technical centres, and a fleet of approx. 370 transporters being responsible for around 1 million vehicle movements per year. It has 820 employees working within 256,000 sq.m. of storage space, and 33,675 sq.m. of workshop and technical areas.
- **Pasha Group UK** ( [www.pashagroup.com](http://www.pashagroup.com) ) handles about 45,000 cars yearly (in the UK only). It is part of the larger Pasha Group, a diversified global transportation and logistics group.
- **N-Trans** is based in Kiev, Ukraine, and has 144 employees, an 80,000 sq.m. compound and 82 trucks.
- **LLC Rolf-Logistic** ( [www.rolf.ru](http://www.rolf.ru) ) operates 4 compounds covering 84.000 sq. m. and 180 trucks plus 600 subcontracted, with 480 employees.
- **TransGroup** ([www.trgr.ru](http://www.trgr.ru)), owns 1,676 rail wagons and operates 5 compounds aggregating 300,000 sq.m.

#### **Background for the Editors:**

*Established in 1997 in Brussels, ECG represents more than 2/3rds of the European Finished Vehicles Logistics industry. With an aggregated turnover in excess of 12 billion euros, ECG members record about 45 million car movements per year with over 45,000 direct employees. The ECG members operate more than 17,000 trucks, 14,000 rail wagons, about 170 ships and 32 river barges; over 330 compounds; 106 port terminals; more than 65 million sq..m. of Car parks and more than 1 million sq. m. of workshops.*

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