



## The Association of European Vehicle Logistics

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#### **Vote of confidence for ECG as five new members sign up, boosting its numbers to almost 100**

The Association of European Vehicle Logistics Providers is pleased to announce that five leading companies in the field have joined the organisation. They are: AFG Allgemeine Fahrzeugübernahmegesellschaft mbH; Van Uden Maritime; Cobelfret; Humber Sea Terminal (Simon Group plc); and Woodside Motorfreight Ltd.

In welcoming them to ECG, President Costantino Baldissara described their arrival as “an impressive vote of confidence in the association as a standard bearer for the vehicle logistics sector, working to develop collaborative efficiencies across all modes of transport.”

By the same token, he added that “the addition of five industry players to the ECG ranks will also raise the organisation’s profile in Brussels and enhance our ability to have our views heard in key policy debates on the future of Europe’s transport sector.”

The new arrivals provide further evidence that the sector is on the way back, and ECG with it, after the difficulties of last year. ECG lost a number of members in 2009 as the economic crisis hit home in earnest. But these new additions will boost its numbers to almost 100, while the presence of more than 160 attendees at last week’s General Assembly, an all-time record, also suggests that the sector’s confidence is on the rise.

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

*Established in 1997 in Brussels, ECG represents more than 2/3rds of the European Finished Vehicles Logistics industry. ECG Members operate in the field of outbound logistics for the Automotive sector, including quality control at the end of the assembly line, storage in special compounds, transport in all modalities – rail, road and sea – de-waxing Pre-Delivery Inspections (PDI), customising, workshop activities and the refurbishing of former fleet vehicles*

*ECG has 90 members from 24 countries, which last year recorded an aggregated turnover in excess of 15 billion Euros. With a Global turnover generated in around 40 billion Euros. Members handle about 40 million cars per year with over 64,000 direct employees and up to 162,000 indirect people involved. In terms of equipment, the ECG members operate 20,000 trucks, 20,000 rail wagons, about 337 ships; 42 river barges; 462 compounds; 146 port terminals; more than 58 million square metres of Car parks; about one million square metres of workshops.*

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