



The Association of European Vehicle Logistics

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ECG races into 2011 with five new members

ECG has started 2011 as it means to continue, signing up five new members in the opening weeks of the year, among them some of the leading names in the outbound vehicle logistics business. The new members are: major northern European shipping company DFDS Seaways; Hyundai-Kia affiliate Glovis; UK-based Acumen Logistics Group; Green Tiger, the aptly named Irish trucking company; and Autotechnoimport, a long-established player in the recovering Russian market.

As ECG president Costantino Baldissara noted: “These new arrivals come as a welcome boost for the organisation, and represent a vote of confidence in ECG’s ability to fight its members’ corner in Brussels and advance the sector’s interests across Europe. “It also comes as a reward for our success over the last year in helping to forge a future for the sector that is economically rewarding and environmentally sustainable. The diversity of these new members – in terms of size, provenance, and their approach to the business – testifies to ECG’s ability to represent the entire outbound vehicle logistics sector in all its variety.”

ECG executive director Mike Sturgeon added that several more new members are in the offing. “Two sizeable companies have confirmed their intention to join up and several more are actively considering membership,” he said. “We are well within sight of our 2011 goal of 100 active members.” Mr Baldissara observed that the flow of new members would only raise ECG’s profile and strengthens its lobbying presence at a crucial time for the vehicle logistics sector, with the European Commission preparing to release its white paper on the future of the region’s transport system. It will also reinforce the unity of a sector that has yet to benefit from the sales upturn now being enjoyed by the major vehicle manufacturers.

Background for the Editors

ECG, the Association of European Vehicle Logistics, has been the voice of the Finished Vehicle Logistics industry in Europe since 1997. ECG represents the interests of some 100 member companies, from family owned SMEs to multi-nationals, and is the major champion of the European vehicle logistics sector. We represent all transport modes at EU level.

ECG Members provide transport, distribution, storage, preparation and post-production services to manufacturers, importers, car rental companies and vehicle leasing operators in 24 Member States, Turkey and Russia. They own or operate more than 373 car-carrying ships, 22,000 purpose built railway wagons, 22 river barges and 17,300 road transporters. As a major employer, the industry plays an important role in contributing to the economic success of the European Union. Today, ECG members have an aggregate turnover of €15 billion and their economic impact on companies associated with the sector is estimated at €34 billion. More than 60,000 Europeans are employed directly by the vehicle logistics industry and an additional 160,000 are indirectly employed in this sector.

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