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GB Railfreight launches new Felixstowe-Manchester intermodal service Freight haulier secures 29th slot from port

GB Railfreight has launched a new intermodal service from the Port of Felixstowe to Manchester, having secured the latest - and 29th - rail slot out of the Port.

The new service of 22 wagons, started this autumn. Hauled by one of the freight haulier's class 66 locomotive it will run between Felixstowe and the Roadways terminal at Trafford Park five days a week.

GBRf's Intermodal Manager, Julie Garn, expressed her delight that the GBRf business case for the slot was accepted by the Port. She added: *"Over the past ten years we have proved time and again that we bring innovative operational and commercial thinking to our intermodal operations. Our customer base has been pushing for additional rail capacity delivered in our style and this new route offers them the continued opportunity to switch business from road to rail"*.

GBRf's new service is a 'turn up and go', non-contracted train. Julie explained: *"If required we can provide the local haulage from the railhead or secure release to our customers nominated road suppliers. We require no long term commitment to secure space and prefer to develop relationships that provide the flexibility that our industry requires"*.

Since running its first intermodal train in 2001, award winning GBRf's container business has flourished and increased over the years. It will now run 6 services a day from Felixstowe. With a push on longer trains and weekend services, GBRF through the support of its customer base has already contributed an 8% shift in modal share for the Port of Felixstowe year to date.

GB Railfreight offers real choice at Felixstowe and, in the longer term, intends to expand its intermodal services into a number of other UK container ports – and beyond. GBRf's acquisition by Eurotunnel Group in 2010 and its subsequent launch of European operations in 2011 have marked a major turning point in the company's development, taking it from a UK haulier into an international rail freight operator.