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GB Railfreight operating coal services for Drax until 2017

GB Railfreight has announced that it has signed a contract with Drax Power Ltd to run coal services to the power generator's power station in Selby, North Yorkshire, for a further three years.

Coal will be transported from Hunterston Port Bulk Terminal in Ayrshire and the Port of Blyth, with the freight operator continuing to use its 101.6 tonne coal hopper wagons and its Class 66 locomotives for these services.

This contract renewal signifies the confidence Drax has in the level and flexibility of services offered by GBRf.

John Smith, Managing Director of GB Railfreight, said:

"We're delighted that Drax have decided to extend our coal services contract by three years. It's testament to the close and efficient working relationship we've developed over the last few years and we will strive to continue offering optimum services into the Selby power station. With the doubling of carbon tax last month, this is a difficult time for the coal haulage market and we hope the Government re-evaluates its position on the tax and allows for a softer landing for the market in the medium to long-term."