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Europorte and London Carex win Rail Freight Group award for Innovation

Europorte, the rail freight subsidiary of Eurotunnel, and London Carex¹ were recognized by the Rail Freight Group with its "Innovation Award" at a dinner held in Oxford, on 11 September. The Rail Freight Group is an association with more than 100 members advocating the development of a competitive rail freight market and sustainable transport solutions in the United Kingdom.

Each year, the Rail Freight Group celebrates those companies which make important contributions to freight development, whether through their creativity or through their quality of service. This year's award for "Technical Innovation" recognizes the test carried out with a *TGV fret* transporting packages from Lyon Airport in France, via Paris - Charles de Gaulle Airport and the Channel Tunnel to London, demonstrating the speed and the environmental benefits of intermodal container transport by rail over air.

Euro Carex is a federation of the airports in Amsterdam, Liege, Lyon and Paris, and Eurotunnel, to create a European High Speed Freight network aimed at generating modal shift from road and short haul flights to rail.

François Coart, Managing Director of London Carex, stated: *"Europorte and London Carex are delighted that the first operational success story for the European High Speed Freight network has been recognised by the Rail freight Group. Euro Carex is an alternative to the rise in the price of fuel and to the increase in traffic congestion on our roads. This success is a result of the cooperation between the Carex partners, the major logistics operators like SNCF Geodis and the infrastructure managers, in particular High Speed 1 and Eurotunnel."*

¹ London Carex is the subsidiary of Groupe Eurotunnel dedicated to the development of high speed Rail freight in the United Kingdom