

PRESS RELEASE



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Europorte opens new service to Belgium

The Prayon Group has entrusted Europorte, the Rail Freight Subsidiary of Eurotunnel, with a three year contract to transport phosphoric acid between its plant at Puurs in Belgium and St Clair les Roches (Rhone, France). The service, based on excellent co-operation with the forwarding agent VTG Rail Logistics, started on Tuesday 11 December.

Prayon, which is a major player in the food and horticulture additives market, and world leader in phosphoric acid technology, was swayed by Europorte's commitment to the reliability of deliveries, through the establishment of a dedicated long distance service, and by the associated time savings that could be made.

The mutually beneficial association which has existed for 15 years between Prayon and Europorte subsidiary, Socorail, for railway handling at the St Clair des Roches chemical plant has been instrumental in the development of the group's skills in loading, unloading and the handling of dangerous goods and has generated opportunities for synergy. Using the Europorte fleet of Euro 400 and Prima 37000 locos ensures that the most suitable resources are available for this service on both the French and Belgian networks. Under the terms of its European Railway Operator's licence, Europorte is already approved to operate rail freight trains on the Infrabel (Belgian) network, providing an opportunity for other customers to benefit from a similar high quality of service.