



Press release of Cargo sous terrain AG

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Cargo sous terrain: New Swiss know-how in the shareholder base

The firm CST AG has three new shareholders, bringing with them valuable specialist expertise in logistics, recycling and for the development of the project.

Cargo sous terrain AG is pleased to announce the addition of three new Swiss shareholders:

- ▶ Panalpina, one of Switzerland's most important logistics firms, is a new participant in the CST project. The firm will be adopting a leading role in the development of the CST total logistics system and ensuring the provision of sector-specific know-how together with other transport companies and logistics firms.
- ▶ Schwendimann AG covers all areas of waste disposal and recycling. Recycling is an important part of the CST business model that covers goods deliveries in urban centres, and on the other side of the coin, disposal and raw materials recycling.
- ▶ Flughafen Zürich AG operates one of the most important traffic hubs in Switzerland. CST could supply numerous organisations at the airport via its new and innovative infrastructure, relieving the strain on the existing road network as well as improving the accessibility of the airport. The airport has the potential to become an important terminal in the CST network.

With their investments and expert knowledge, these firms are contributing to progressing the CST project quickly and efficiently. At the next general meeting in April 2019, a representative from each firm will seek to be appointed as a member of the supervisory board. These appointments will additionally increase the Swiss majority in the current and future shareholder base of CST. The Swiss majority will be over 55 percent at the beginning of the planning permission phase. The planning permission phase of CST starts when the CST legislation comes into force, which is anticipated to be at the end of 2020. The next step will see the Swiss Federal Council launch the legislative consultation process that will allow CST to be realised.

The new shareholders will also be joining the CST "Programme 2020" that is driving forward the City Logistics and the IT platform in advance of commissioning the tunnel in 2030. With its City Logistics, CST will be ensuring the efficient local urban distribution of goods. The IT platform is a central element ensuring that CST will become one of the country's leading total logistics providers in the near future.



Further information for the media

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Comprehensive logistics solution with CST from 2030 onwards

By 2045, CST can provide Switzerland with an automated, digitally controlled overall logistics system that will promote the competitiveness of the economy and improve quality of life in the long term. CST will ensure a high security of supply and punctual deliveries of pallets, containers and parcels. The system includes underground transport tunnels between the centres north of the Alps and environmentally friendly distribution in cities and industrial areas (city logistics). The first section of the tunnel system will connect the Härkingen-Niederbipp logistics hub with Zurich from 2030 onwards. In the next few years, CST will develop a city logistics service for Swiss cities which can be operated profitably after the opening of the CST tunnel system. The fully automatic network from Geneva to St. Gallen and from Basel to Lucerne, with an additional branch from Berne to Thun at the full state of development, will serve more than 80 hubs for the loading and unloading of goods for industry and commerce as well as for about 10 million people. At the same time, CST will be the largest warehouse in Switzerland with a surface area of one million square metres below ground.

CST will reduce the number of trucks on existing roads, in particular at road bottlenecks by 40%. Freight traffic in cities will be reduced by up to 30% thanks to the systematic and efficient delivery by electric vehicles that are compatible with urban requirements. The system will be operated entirely with renewable energy. Thanks to end-to-end digitalization, the system will operate in an extremely flexible environment, with dynamic deliveries in small units and guaranteed arrival times for goods. Once all the capital committed for the construction permit phase has been released, Swiss partners will hold 55% of the shares.