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The VTG Rail team join John Smith, MD of GBRf [far left], to unveil the new Ecofret2® at the new Peterborough depot.

VTG Rail's Ecofret2® rolls into service with GBRf

Key milestone reached for VTG Rail UK as GB Railfreight takes delivery of its first Ecofret2® triple-wagon set.

VTG Rail UK (VTG) was delighted to join GB Railfreight (GBRf) in welcoming the delivery of its first operational Ecofret2® triple-container flat wagon sets, which will be used to support the operator's growing demand for intermodal services.

On 8 April, the VTG Rail team visited GBRf's new £3m Peterborough facility to formally welcome their arrival and inspect the enhanced platforms before they go into operation. The event was the culmination of a considerable amount of work and was a key moment for VTG Rail, delivering on a long-standing and multi-million-pound partnership.

Following successful prototype testing and approvals, the wagons are the first of 252, in the form of 84 triple-wagon sets, that will be delivered throughout 2021 and will soon be busy running intermodal goods to and from ports across the country.

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Welcome

Colin Denman, Managing Director, VTG Rail.

Hello and a very warm welcome to the Summer 2021 edition of 'ONLINE', our regular company newsletter.

So much has happened since the previous issue, as we all continue to work through what has been one of the most challenging times on record. As lockdowns end and the UK starts to get back to normality, however, there is a real sense of optimism and energy from everyone here. The VTG team has been exceptionally busy and I am delighted to announce that we have been shortlisted in the *Innovation and Technical Development* category at this year's RFG Awards, for our work developing the Ecofret2®. It's the big news this issue and, as I write this, wagons are racing from port to terminal carrying intermodal containers for shipping lines and retailers, while helping create new cost efficiencies for our freight operating partners. A huge thanks to WH Davis for their continuing support in assembling what will be our leading fleet asset.

Looking back over the past 18 months, the intermodal sector has shown fantastic resilience to the pandemic. It was great to be able to join our customer GB Railfreight at their site in Peterborough on 8 April, as our flagship wagons start their new working life. It was also a joy to actually meet with colleagues face to face again, albeit socially distanced.

In the wider industry the big news has, of course, been the announcement of the long-awaited Williams-Shapps Plan for Reforming the Railway. It promises a new, simpler future for the rail industry in Great Britain and it presents some exciting new opportunities for the freight sector. A less fragmented railway could present the chance to further grow the use of rail freight, while increasing its efficiency and enhancing the business case.

Rail freight has a huge part to play in reducing carbon emissions across the UK and the efficiency of freight wagons will form a key part of the sustainability debate in business, driving forwards the wider move to decarbonise transport. Everyone at VTG Rail will be working closely with our customers and suppliers to ensure we are at the forefront of that rolling stock debate.

We have some exciting new business wins to announce in this issue of ONLINE, particularly working on the new HS2 project.

I would like to take this opportunity to also welcome our new starters George Gerrish, Chris Parker and Steve Jayes to the team.

Finally, I would also like to thank Tom Adams for sharing with us his fantastic photo (page 9) taken in the Somerset countryside, showing VTG box wagons being operated by our customer the Cappagh Group of Companies. It's always great to see our assets at work and with a bit of sunshine thrown in as well.

VTG awards Yellow Rail long-term deal for MRL

VTG Rail has awarded a new long-term contract to Yellow Rail, to provide wagon maintenance services at one of the largest rail freight operations in the UK.

Yellow Rail will be maintaining VTG Rail's 600 strong hopper and box wagon fleets from the Merehead and Whatley maintenance facilities, as part of the service provided by VTG to its client Mendip Rail (MRL).

The service provided includes freight maintenance, wagon repair, fleet planning, supply chain and materials management, 24-hour mainline call out, engineering and logistics.

Around 9.5m tonnes of stone will be carried this year from the quarries in the Mendips in North Somerset to terminals in London and the South East, for use in various construction projects including HS2, housing and road improvements.

MRL, originally set up as an independent freight operating company,

is a joint venture between two of the UK's largest aggregate and cement producers Hanson Aggregates and Aggregate Industries.

MRL operates aggregate trains from the quarries of both parent companies in south-west England to a variety of destinations including Acton, West London and across the South East, as well as more local deliveries to the port of Avonmouth, near Bristol, for sea shipments to Hinkley Point.

Colin Denman said: "We are delighted to have awarded this key contract to Yellow Rail and look forward to its continued support in meeting the needs of Mendip Rail. As one of the largest and most strategically important rail freight fleets in the country, it is vitally important that we provide consistently high levels of reliability and availability to allow uninterrupted operations. Yellow impressed us with their approach to achieving this, bringing new and innovative ways of working which will enable us to maximise the value we provide to our customer."

Contact the VTG Rail team

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The Ecofret2® is the latest innovation in maritime container transport and a revolutionary addition to VTG Rail's fleet. With enhanced design features over the existing Ecofret, it now includes a brand new, track-friendly TF20 bogie and braking system with enhanced dynamic ride performance and additional mounting points for increased loading flexibility. The original Ecofret was a game-changer in encouraging modal shift and the new design goes even further to maximise the benefits for freight operating companies.

The key benefits of the Ecofret2® wagons are that they avoid the need for empty spaces, which are so often seen on trains made up of 60 ft deck length container flats carrying a single 40 ft box. These empty spaces are wasteful and create considerable turbulence when running at 75 mph, which increases drag and fuel consumption. Ecofret2® platforms are fitted with a new bogie incorporating rubber suspension components and hydraulic damping, giving an improved dynamic ride. They also feature additional container mounting points on the outer platforms, meaning that either two 20 ft or one 40 ft box can be carried on all platforms, giving maximum loading flexibility to customers.

Colin Denman said: "The Ecofret2® represents a step-change in efficiency and design for intermodal rail freight and we are delighted with the end result. For freight operators, the enhanced wagon design enables further cost savings when moving the larger 40 ft container units, which can be passed on to deep-sea container customers, encouraging more companies to put their goods onto the railways. As with all new VTG Rail wagons, Ecofret2® will be fitted with our 'Connect' telematics system, allowing users to subscribe to a range of GPS-based tracking and monitoring services. We look forward to working with GBRf and other freight operating companies to continue innovating to meet the demands of this dynamic and exciting sector."

John Smith, Managing Director, GB Railfreight, added: "We are delighted to be partnering with VTG Rail once again and to be

able to roll out their new fantastic Ecofret2® wagons. As we grow GBRf's intermodal business, we couldn't ask for a better partner than VTG, which is at the cutting edge of the industry. In addition, the whole sector has a huge role to play as we look to move more freight by rail in order to remove carbon emissions – a move which will be made easier thanks to the brilliant and industry-leading work done by the likes of VTG and GBRf".



VTG Rail shortlisted for popular rail freight industry award

VTG Rail is delighted to have been short-listed for the Innovation & Technical Development award at this year's RFG Awards, recognised for its work on the Ecofret2®.

Ian Shaw, Sales and Marketing Director, said: "It's fantastic to have been recognised for the hard work and dedication that went into developing our flagship product and we're looking forward to hopefully winning on the

night. The RFG Awards Dinner will take place on 9 September and we will keep everyone informed of how we do. Even if we don't win, it will be great to start going back to face to face events again and catching up with customers, suppliers and colleagues.

"Maybe this year they'll replace trophies with gold medals! Wish us luck!"

Welcome our latest new starters:

George Gerrish

Systems Engineer

I graduated from Coventry University with a first in Mechanical Engineering and will be doing my Masters in Systems Engineering part-time from October at Loughborough University.

I recently rejoined VTG Rail, coming in as Systems Engineer. My main responsibilities focus on managing system-based projects to deliver new, converted, innovative and improved vehicles. This focuses on the exploration of new sensors for wagons and looking at how data-driven analysis can be beneficial to the fleet.

The company offers the opportunity to

work within a strong team and build your skills, while providing the opportunity to bring new ideas to the table.

VTG Rail is the perfect place for me to begin my career and use many of my freshly developed skills, while learning more about the rail freight industry.

Rail freight offers a unique challenge, compared to other industries. Its operation means that continuous problem-solving has to be applied to come up with new solutions to problems. This unique challenge was what I enjoyed about my first placement here and what I am most looking forward to during my time ahead.

Specifically, I'm looking to bring a more digital and data-focused approach allowing



for more informed decisions and smarter rail freight wagons, which will help us provide more to our customers and improve the level of service we can provide.

Chris Parker

Fleet Engineer (South)

I am the Fleet Engineer for the Southern region. This role was created in the restructure within VTG Rail engineering in September 2020. My key involvement so far has been in the Mendips fleet of wagons, which takes up about a third of the fleet I am responsible for. As you can imagine this takes up a lot of my time at the moment, with improving the reliability of the wagons and also integrating the new maintainer for the Mendips.

I returned to VTG Rail after finishing my studies. I thoroughly enjoyed my previous time in the Project Assistant role at VTG and was offered a job back with the company at the end of my time at university. By that time I had already decided to hop the pond and spend some time primarily being a ski instructor in Canada.

A couple of years later, after I returned to the UK, I was looking for work and I was able to reconnect with Engineering Director Nigel Day and the timing was right for me to come back and get stuck into focusing on assisting the operations of VTG's fleet of wagons.

Of my experience so far, I've found rail to be a friendly industry with a lot of knowledgeable people to learn from. I think the challenge for VTG Rail now is cementing its place as the best provider of freight wagons the UK has and it has grown considerably even in the short time I was away.

I graduated in Automotive Engineering from Coventry but that didn't have too much of a bearing for my aspirations as a qualified engineer. Being able to work and communicate with all types of people from all sectors of the industry has proven to be the key skill that you need to get on and get the job done. Right now the fleet engineer role means that the balance of



working from home and travelling to site for inspections is a great set up for me, especially when I see a set of VTG wagons I am responsible for running on the network.

In my spare time I enjoy cycling, as due to the pandemic the skis have been shelved for a while. I have also got a fair amount of veg growing in the garden, which is definitely a very fulfilling pastime.

Steve Jayes, MIET

Reliability Engineer

I have a background in Automotive and Defence Engineering and have previously worked in similar fleet management roles for Jaguar Land Rover and NP Aerospace, a world leader in advanced low weight, high performance armour systems.

Outside work I have a varied collection of interests, my current hobbies include: motorcycling, fishing, rock climbing and archery. I am married to Leanne and we live with our two-year-old Sprocker Spaniel dog Jessie.

I joined VTG Rail in May and was really attracted to the opportunity of being able to diversify my skill set into rail, while also being able to apply my experience and passion for engineering.

The team at VTG Rail have been very welcoming and it's clearly a very friendly business environment to work in. In fact, the company feels more like a family than a place of work.

Going forwards I am hoping to bring the benefits of Reliability and Maintainability methods across from the automotive sector into rail, in order to bolster VTG's ability to provide a world-class service to its customers across the UK.



I am delighted to have joined VTG Rail and look forward to meeting all the team.



VTG Rail secures contract with SCS JV to supply wagons to serve HS2 project

VTG Rail celebrated the signing of a major deal to deliver rail freight wagons to support construction of the High Speed 2 project.

The 86 JNA-A and JNA-T wagons, which will be used to remove extracted materials (including tunnelling spoil) from the route, will be supplied over five years.

The first two batches of brand new JNA-T box wagons have already made their maiden journeys with the first movement travelling from the HS2 Logistics hub in Willesden. The third is due to go into operation in September.

VTG Rail's Sales Manager, Raj Sharma, is thrilled to have secured the contract: "It's been a big one in terms of scale and contractual detail. Few other companies would have been able to secure such a large number of wagons but VTG had placed new-build orders in advance meaning it was well positioned to fulfil the contract."

VTG's bid for the work was three years in the planning and involved every department, from the new build team and asset management to the service delivery and engineering teams. Completing the process was made even more complex as a result of Covid. Now approved, the awarding of the contract has triggered a multi-million-pound investment including over a hundred, latest generation new build wagons together with a significant number of repurposed and existing wagons, plus ongoing fleet management.

Raj explained that ensuring the right availability of the right wagons

took precise planning: "Due to the nature of the extracted materials, the wagons have to meet some very specific handling requirements. The extracted clay is solid but sticky and can be unpredictable in nature. We have therefore had to consider this carefully when addressing issues such as water drainage and unloading practices."

VTG's role in the HS2 project is as subcontractor through the Skanska Costain STRABAG Joint Venture (SCS JV).

Speaking about VTG's involvement, James Richardson, Managing Director at SCS JV, said: "This is an exciting moment for the project, seeing the start of a million vehicles being taken off the road. Removing spoil by rail has significant benefits and will greatly reduce vehicle movements on local roads. The logistics hub will be pivotal in managing all sites in the Old Oak and Park Royal development area and will see coordination and collaboration across all delivery partners in the area."

VTG is delighted to have successfully concluded negotiations. Raj said: "We can feel very proud that we get to be part of such a significant infrastructure project. We have built our credibility on providing freight wagons that have the features our customers require but which also work for the operations team, and the HS2 project will exemplify that."

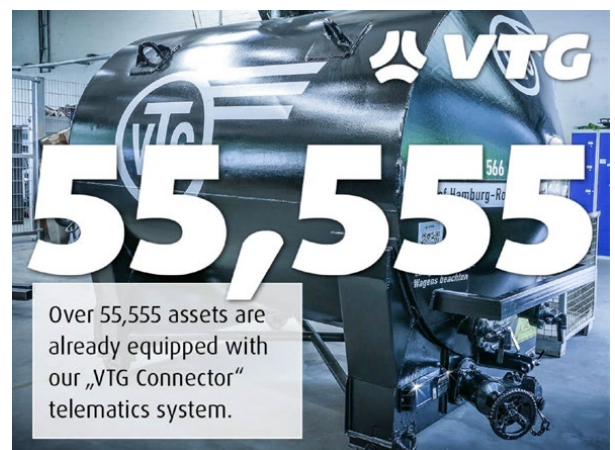
A further batch of 18 wagons were delivered in late July. These will be followed by a further batch of 35 wagons that are due to be delivered in September.

GROUP NEWS

VTG celebrates leap forward for digital rail innovation

VTG Group is celebrating an amazing achievement equipping more than 55,000 wagons with telematics, driving forward the digitalisation of the European rail freight sector.

Posting on social media, the VTG Group wrote: "Another milestone achieved! Our 55,555th wagon just got equipped with telematics technology. A big thank you to everyone involved for making this happen." For more on VTG's digital work go to: <https://lnkd.in/d9nfhdv>



VTG Rail staff teams compete in Virgin Pulse Global Walking Challenge

Two teams from VTG Rail entered the Virgin Pulse Global Walking Challenge, where entrants needed to work together and clock up the most miles to win.

Team 1 consisted of: Mark Pumphrey, Kevin York, Colin Denman, Russ Campbell, Louise Alcock, Sunghet Patel, Nigel Day.

Team 2 was Maria Connolly, Caitlin Lippitt, Debbie Field, Ian Shaw, Sam Hunt, Christopher Parker, and Raj Sharma.

Both teams did extremely well, covering huge distances, getting up early during lockdown and working hard to promote exercise and well-being.

Virgin Pulse was founded in 2004 as part of Sir Richard Branson's Virgin Group. It designs technology that promotes better lifestyle habits for a company's employees.



Maria's double charity marathon challenge

Maria Connolly, VTG Rail's Service Delivery Manager, has walked her way to smashing not one but two fundraising challenges.

For many people lockdown was an opportunity to find a new pastime, for Maria walking very much became her thing, giving her the chance to: "keep the old bones moving and blow away the cobwebs".

Not content with simply getting outside, Maria decided to put her efforts to good use and tackle a 26-mile walk for charity on Sunday 9 May 2021, naming it 'Maria's Just Keep Walking Challenge'.

Maria chose to support two charities: Breast Cancer Now and Young Minds and she explained her reasons why: "I had my own scare last year. Thankfully, I am all good but not everyone is as blessed.

"Having two wonderful young adults in my life got me thinking of just how difficult the past 12 months have been for thousands of young people, so I decided to do my best and support both charities."

One of her colleagues showed his support for the cause by joining Maria for the first part of her walk. "Mark Pumphrey, VTG's Asset Manager, walked the first 13 miles with me, so that was really motivating. Although thinking about it, maybe I should have asked him to walk the last 13 miles instead! We did the walk on the canal into Birmingham city centre. The second part was much hillier!"

Maria aimed to raise £500 for each charity. She ended up smashing both targets, raising £694 for Breast Cancer Now and £550 for Young Minds: "It felt really good to be doing something to help others," she said, "and I'd really like to thank the company and my colleagues for being so supportive."

If you would like to support Maria's chosen charities, you can still do so using the links below. "Whatever you can spare (whichever charity you choose) would be much appreciated."

To donate to Breast Cancer Now
Please go to: <https://bit.ly/3lvsaV6>

To donate to Young Minds

Please go to: <https://bit.ly/3xr0jY>



Rail freight leading the challenge of decarbonisation in UK transport

VTG Rail is delighted to be supporting an industry-wide project to promote the decarbonisation of the rail freight sector, led by Rail Forum Midlands (RFM).

VTG Rail joined six companies involved with the 'Opportunities for Decarbonising Freight challenge' from a broad cross-section of the rail freight industry, with Tarmac, Freightliner, GB Railfreight, DB Cargo, RFG and ERMEWA. Some 21 initial ideas were presented during two days of online *Dragons Den*-style events. These included new concepts through to market-ready solutions and covered all aspects of rail freight from remote condition monitoring, fuel saving solutions, driver advisory systems, depot improvements and alternative forms of propulsion. These were then whittled down to 10 specific ideas to take forward. As a direct result of the challenge process, the companies behind four of the ideas presented have since submitted bids for SBRI 'First of a Kind' funding.

The Opportunities to Decarbonise Freight was the second SME challenge to be facilitated by RFM, the first considered lightweighting of rolling stock. A summary of the key strategic lessons learned has now been prepared and recommendations are being developed as part of the work RFM is leading on the sector deal.

Nigel Day, VTG Engineering Director, said: "VTG is proud to be supporting the scheme. It is vital that the rail freight sector works

collaboratively on the issue of decarbonisation. Projects such as this challenge help bring everyone together to present new ideas that are practicable in today's modern supply chain."

Robert Hodgson, Engagement Manager for RFM, said: "It is really encouraging to work with a group of dedicated rail professionals who want to do as much as practical to make their part of the industry even greener in the years ahead."

Chris Swan, Head of Rail at Tarmac, added: "The rail freight industry is well positioned to support the UK's decarbonisation ambitions, and the opportunities to drive forward innovation and progress are much greater if we work together. This process has allowed potential suppliers to demonstrate some great products and initiatives to the industry, with some ideas being taken forward that will make a real difference to the way we are operating."

Maggie Simpson OBE, Director General, RFG, went on to say: "Rail freight is a critical part of the UK economy but tends to be less well understood than passenger rail. Initiatives like the Opportunities to Decarbonise Freight SME Challenge are showing what can be achieved by increased collaboration, bringing fresh innovation into rail freight and helping SMEs understand the priorities and opportunities in the sector. We look forward to seeing the further development of these innovative ideas."



VTG Rail has been playing a key role over the past three years in helping Bayer develop an innovative new weed spraying train. The KFA-type container carriers each have three modified modules, including a water tank and operator's cab.

GROUP NEWS

VTG stays cool this summer

VTG has ramped up its temperature-controlled transport offerings with the SWS-PowerBox®, an autonomous, eco-friendly power supply for reefer containers.

Mounted on the wheelset, a hydraulic pump and attached generator produce power while the train is moving, guaranteeing optimised temperatures for fruit, vegetables, meat, fish and medication inside reefer containers, swap bodies, tank containers and refrigerated semitrailers.

Its steel exterior contains the entire power supply system. A hydraulic pump mounted on the wheelset drives a generator, transforming the kinetic energy into electricity. This is then channelled into the temperature power units and charges the battery. The power supply system can then operate autonomously, drawing no power from the locomotive, even when the wagon is not in motion.

At the transshipment terminal or loading sidings, the battery can simply be charged with a type-2 charger plug. CEE plugs are also fitted on every side of the wagon to ensure that all maritime and continental reefer units (refrigerated semitrailers) can be supplied with electricity in accordance with the loading schedule.

Jakob Öhrström, MD and Head of the Center of Competence Intermodal at VTG Rail Europe, said: "This intelligent solution from SWS Power Solutions lets us provide a service catering to the sustainable transport of sensitive goods. We are continually investing in cutting-edge equipment and delivering top-class solutions to get reefer transports in Europe onto the rails and thereby reinforce modal shift."

A combination of sensors and telematic features constantly monitors battery capacity, the power supply and power consumption, as well as handling troubleshooting. The data is fed into the digital Traigo platform, where it can be accessed by customers.

VTG leads innovation on pocket wagons: Connected rail assets for improved rail safety practices and digital efficiency

VTG is currently testing Nexxiot's Kingpin Monitor solution, a complete maintenance-free sensor for keeping check on the loading of semitrailers that are put onto pocket wagons.

Rail freight workers must carefully monitor the loading and securing of the semitrailers as they can be vulnerable to adverse conditions such as high winds, steep inclines and misaligned kingpins, all of which can compromise safety, if not carefully managed.

The sensor application is currently being tested on a total of 70 double pocket wagons under some of the harshest industrial conditions and for highly sensitive and demanding cargo requirements. Provided the results of the test series confirm that the technology creates significant value for these types of assets in the supply chain, a full rollout for all double pocket wagons is planned to start in November 2021 and will be completed by 2022.

The sensor detects whether the kingpin is engaged and whether the hitch status is open or locked. There are two displays on the sensor set itself and one of these is each placed at either side of the railcar. All collected and transmitted data by Nexxiot will be collated in VTG's platform. This ensures both instant confirmation feedback for field operators and also transparency for controllers. This also means that automated checks can be made at any point in the journey. The data can be used to confirm and trigger essential events, and business processes can be linked to these checks to ensure sound connection and engagement of these safety enhancing components.

Dr. Hanno Schell, VTG's Head of Technical Innovation, said: "The Kingpin sensor adds to our digital efficiency and safety practices. We believe this will become standard in the market. As an innovation leader, VTG feels that quality and accountability are highly valued by our customers. We therefore take every advance to enable better services and more trust in rail cargo."

UK NEWS

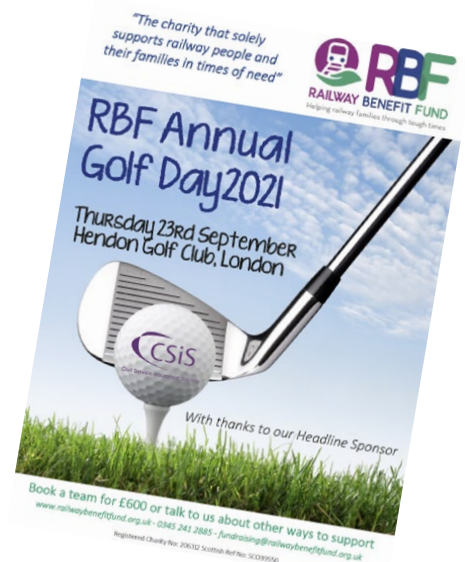
VTG is supporting RBF's big day!

VTG will join GB Railfreight, RIA and other supporters of the Railway Benefit Fund in entering a team for its annual golf day on 23 September 2021 at Hendon Golf Club. VTG's own golf day needed to be rescheduled for 16 September but the RBF event will be a highlight on everyone's calendar and a headline event for the charity.

The RBF does amazing work supporting railway families through hard times and is very deserving of support. The day comprises full use of the greens at Hendon, 18 holes, competitions and the chance of winning the RBF Cup! Entrants will also enjoy a well-earned hot lunch before the winners are announced and the charity raffle is drawn.

RBF also has sponsorship opportunities to place branding on holes, adverts in the programme or by donating raffle and competition prizes.

For more details please go to <https://bit.ly/2VkupQc>



UK NEWS



VTG is working with Air BP to update their fleet, having replaced 12, 45-tonne two axle wagons for more efficient 90-tonne rolling stock. They are being used for moving fuel to Prestwick Airport from the Grangemouth refinery and are all fitted with VTG Connect.



A huge thanks to Tom Adams for this fantastic picture of a train formed of new JNA-T box wagons. It is carrying 1,850 tonnes of aggregates for use in major projects in London. The Somerset countryside looks great in the sunshine.

GROUP NEWS

Heiko Fischer to step down after 25 years with VTG

After more than 25 years at VTG, with 17 of them as CEO and Chairman of the Executive Board, Dr. Heiko Fischer has stepped down from the CEO role. He will retain close ties to both VTG and rail freight in a variety of functions.

VTG's Executive Board: Mark Stevenson (Chief Financial Officer); Sven Wellbrock (Chief Operating Officer Europe & Chief Safety Officer); and Oksana Janssen (Chief Operating Officer Eurasia & Far East) will now assume the CEO responsibilities.

Dr. Jost Massenberg, Chairman of the Supervisory Board of VTG AG, said: "My thanks go to Dr. Fischer for his tremendous achievements in developing this company, his strategic vision and for the professionalism with which he has led us through the many changes of ownership.

"He has been the long-term captain of the VTG ship, charting its path through changing economic conditions and keeping

us safely on course. For more than 17 years, he has been tirelessly, rigorously, and successfully planning and implementing the transformation of VTG into a European market leader in the rail freight space. In parallel he has driven international expansion into other markets, as well as being the human face of VTG, the visual embodiment of the values for which we stand."

Although he stepped down from his duties as Chairman of the Executive Board on 30 June, he has retained close ties to VTG as a senior advisor targeting political and governmental affairs.

"I look back on my long tenure at VTG with humility, great joy and enormous gratitude", he said. "Having successfully overcome the second major economic crisis on my watch, it is time for a new start. I am glad to have fashioned VTG into a European market leader, and to have opened the door wide to digital rail freight. In my new role, I will continue to play my part in developing this mode of freight transport and will stay close to the fantastic people who, over all these years, have made VTG into what it is today."

In a letter to UK customers, Colin Denman wrote: "I would like to take this opportunity



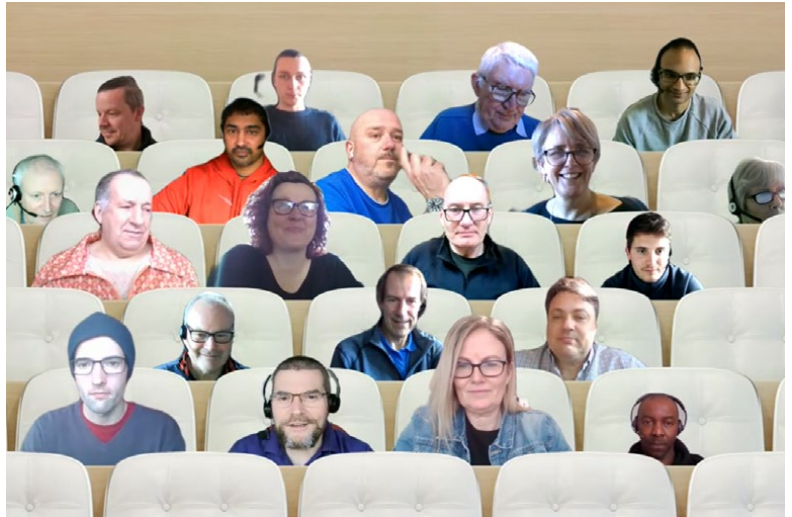
to personally thank him for his outstanding contribution and to wish him the very best for the future. His entrepreneurial dedication, international business development and social responsibility have shaped the VTG we all know today. The good news is that Heiko will remain on as a senior advisor, using his extensive knowledge to focus on political and governmental affairs.

"Day-to-day operations will, of course, remain unchanged. Mark Stevenson will now have overall responsibility for VTG Rail UK and we will be working closely with him going forwards. As a group, VTG remains dedicated to further developing its core markets and supporting our customers."

VTG team hosts charity lockdown quiz night

The VTG team recently held an interactive quiz night to raise money for the *Make a Wish Foundation*. Hosted by Wildgoose, the event involved splitting everyone up into teams of four and answering questions on a range of subjects. It was great fun and provided a fantastic opportunity for everyone to meet up during lockdown while contributing to a great cause.

For more details on the work of the Make a Wish Foundation, please go to www.make-a-wish.org.uk



RFG Summer BBQ offers opportunity to start getting back to normality

On 29 June, VTG Rail's Managing Director Colin Denman and Sales Manager Raj Sharma attended the Rail Freight Group's Annual Summer BBQ at Shendish Manor Hotel, Hemel Hempstead.

It was the first face to face event RFG has organised this year and offered a great opportunity for members and their guests to catch up finally with both customers and colleagues.

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We always welcome input for the newsletter and would love to hear from you.

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