



AAE Assignment

Reliable transport of steel

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AAE is one of Europe's largest privately-owned companies for rental of railway carriages. EuroMaint Rail is responsible for maintenance of 300 of AAE's freight wagons in service between Luleå and Borlänge, the so-called "steel train". High availability and reliable rolling stock are vital for the customer.

Maintenance of 300 freight wagons for AAE

Switzerland's AAE (Ahaus Alstätter Eisenbahn Cargo AG) is one of Europe's largest privately-owned companies for rental of railway carriages. The company leases out freight wagons for SSAB's "steel train", which carries two million tons of steel between Luleå and Borlänge every year.

Maintenance of AAE's freight wagons is mainly performed at EuroMaint Rail's workshops in Luleå and Borlänge and through the use of mobile units.

"It was EuroMaint Rail's extensive experience and broad expertise within maintenance of freight wagons that led us to choose them for this partnership. Efficiency and reliability are extremely important for us, not least when our freight wagons are operating on heavily loaded stretches and in the tough climate of northern Sweden," says Markus Vaerst, COO at AAE.

EuroMaint Rail has maintained AAE's rolling stock since it was taken into use by SSAB in 2004. In 2008, a seven-year partnership contract was signed, with EuroMaint Rail being given responsibility for all preventive and corrective maintenance to rolling stock.

"The contract between EuroMaint Rail and AAE is proof that both parties appreciate the partnership we have had so far and that we are striving to continue developing the relationship between the companies," comments Markus Vaerst.

Customised maintenance solution and conveniently-located workshops

EuroMaint Rail is one of Europe's leading independent providers of technical maintenance services for the rail transport sector. We provide AAE with a customised maintenance solution with availability and reliability in focus. The assignment is based on well-developed local partnerships between AAE, EuroMaint Rail and SSAB.

With two workshops and around 100 service technicians in the region, EuroMaint Rail is always on hand when the customer requires assistance. AAE gains access to qualified workshop resources and mobile service teams who can rapidly repair damage along the track.

Short lead times vital

In order for the steel train to be able to run as planned, rolling stock must be available for service. For our customer AAE, and for the customer's customer SSAB, short lead times and efficient maintenance are absolutely vital.

"Access to strategically located workshops with experienced, knowledgeable personnel within maintenance of freight wagons was vital for AAE when choosing a partner," says Ulf Norberg, Customer Manager at EuroMaint Rail.



Facts about the AAE assignment

Customer segment: Freight transport

Type of maintenance: Preventive and corrective maintenance at workshops, and using mobile service units.

Amount of rolling stock: 300 freight wagons

Geography: Luleå-Borlänge

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EuroMaint Rail strengthens its customers' competitiveness through services and products that increase the availability, reliability and service life of rolling stock. EuroMaint Rail offers qualified technical maintenance and refurbishment of rolling stock and its components.

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