



12TH INTERNATIONAL RAILWAY BUSINESS FORUM «STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP 1520»



In the framework of the 12th International Railway Business Forum «Strategic Partnership 1520» Oleg Belozеров, the President of Russian Railways, Kanat Alpysbaev, the President of JSC NC Kazakhstan Temir Zholy, and Vladimir Morozov, the head of the Belarusian Railways State Enterprise, have signed a memorandum on cooperation on the development of rail transport within the framework of the Eurasian Economic Union.

The memorandum is aimed at deepening cooperation in the development of rail transport on the territory of the member states of the Eurasian Economic Community (EAEC).

According to the document, one of the main objectives of the cooperation will be

the development of a mechanism for the joint use of the freight wagon fleet on a mutually beneficial basis, cooperation on the development of transport corridors and the realisation of the EAEC's transit potential.

In accordance with the memorandum, a joint working group will be created that will ensure cooperation between the parties and prepare proposals for improving the regulatory framework within the framework of the EAEC, implementing joint projects and further improving the tariff policy.

In addition, the president of Russian Railways, the president of JSC NC Kazakhstan Temir Zholy and the head of the Belarusian Railway Company signed a protocol on the further development of United Transport and Logistics Company (JSC UTLC).

In 2016, the volume of shipments carried by UTLC more than doubled from the level of 2015 and amounted to 101,000 twenty-foot equivalent unit (TEU) containers. The transit transportation plan for 2017 already stands at 137,500 containers. Taking into account the company's work for the 5 months to the end of May 2017, the declared volume of traffic is expected to be exceeded. ●

Oleg Belozеров, the President of Russian Railways, has met with representatives from the German business community, in particular Siemens AG, Deutsche Bahn AG, Strabag AG, Vossloh Fastening Systems GmbH and the Schaeffler Group AG, all of which are part of the German Initiative on High-Speed Railways.

The meeting's key topic was possible cooperation on projects to create a network of high-speed railways in Russia, including the Moscow–Kazan High-Speed Railway as an integral part of the Moscow–Beijing high-speed International Transport Corridor across Eurasia. Also under discussion was the interconnection of the routes of the New Silk

Road and the East-West International Transport Corridor, including the Trans-Siberian Railway, as well as other routes across the territory of the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU).

«The transit potential which gives freight from Europe and the CIS countries direct access to the seaports in Russia's Far East and Russia's land borders with China, Mongolia and Kazakhstan, is colossal», said Oleg Belozеров.

The President of Russian Railways noted that over the past three years, the volume of transit container shipments between Europe and China had increased many times and that the potential of this direction had not been exhausted. ●



Alexander Misharin, First Vice President of Russian Railways, has taken part in the plenary discussion «The New Silk Road. 1520 in the Forefront of Eurasian Trade».

The discussion took place in the framework of the XII International Railway Business Forum «Strategic Partnership 1520» on 8 June 2017.

The participants in the discussion discussed the results of, and prospects for transit rail transportation along the China-Europe route.

«By participating in Eurasian economic integration and the construction of the Silk Road Economic Belt, Russia solves several tasks. It is establishing a new economic model

aimed at making the Eurasian space the most convenient environment for traffic flows, and in addition is developing the transport and logistics infrastructure that will allow us to capitalise on Russia's geographical advantage», said Alexander Misharin in his speech.

Misharin also recalled that rail transport has a colossal advantage over the sea route. The land route is much shorter, so delivery times for goods from Asia to Europe are much more convenient for shippers who appreciate speed.

At the same time, the cost of transporting containerised goods «from door-to-door» by rail and sea transport is comparable. ●



FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR NAGPUR– SECUNDERABAD PROJECT

Russian Railways' President Oleg Belozеров and the Ambassador of India to Russia Mr. Pankaj Saran have signed an agreement between India's Ministry of Railways and Russian Railways on the preparation of a feasibility study for a high-speed rail service between Nagpur and Secunderabad in India.

The signing took place on 1 June 2017 in the presence of Russian President Vladimir Putin and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who is in Russia on an official visit.

Under the agreement, Russian Railways and Indian Railways have agreed to joint activities to develop a feasibility study for the

modernisation of the 575 km Nagpur–Secunderabad railway line in order to increase the speed of passenger trains to 200 km/h.

Russian Railways and India's Ministry of Railways had previously signed a protocol on cooperation in the field of high-speed rail services within the framework of the VIII BRICS Summit on 15 October 2016.

The protocol was drawn up as development of the Memorandum of Understanding signed on 24 December 2015.

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