

## Successful implementation Rail Cargo System at Railion Netherlands

*Specialized ERP system for rail cargo industry developed by IT rail specialist Ab Ovo*

**Capelle a/d IJssel, The Netherlands, 27 June 2007 – Railion Netherlands, the biggest rail cargo operator in the Netherlands, has implemented Ab Ovo’s Rail Cargo System on May 14, 2007. This IT application supports the whole operational and administrative process from booking to invoicing.**

The reason for Railion Nederland to have a new IT-system developed was the relatively high maintenance cost of the old system. Besides this, the new system supports the multitude of possibilities that the new international transport legislation (COTIF) offers and is, because of its open structure, relatively easy to adjust to new future market demands. “After a thorough selection process we have chosen the solution of Ab Ovo. The speed of carrying out adjustments in the system and, as a consequence of this, the very low ‘Total Cost of Ownership’ was decisive in the choice for Ab Ovo”, says Carel Robbeson, CEO of Railion Netherlands.

The system was developed and implemented based on pioneering technology that enables the modeling of very complex applications and generate these to every common computer language and hardware platform. The Rail Cargo System is the first application that supports the whole transport process from terminal to terminal including local service traffic. Also from Rail Cargo operators in other countries interest has been shown in the system: multiple demonstrations have already been given to different European rail operators.

### **About Ab Ovo**

Ab Ovo is an independent and fast growing IT-service provider with powerful propositions, as it combines a profound knowledge of ICT with longstanding management experience and expertise in corporate processes. For years Ab Ovo has supplied advice, project management, interim management and specific ICT solutions for Transport & Logistics all over Northwest Europe. Recently, Ab Ovo has spread its wings even further, by entering into the world of industry, finance and various state-run institutions.

The name of the firm is inspired by the Latin expression: “Ab ovo usque ad mala”, which the Romans used to indicate a complete meal. From start to finish, from entrée (egg) to dessert (apple). That is Ab Ovo’s corporate strategy: to be involved in a project from the beginning, and to take care of it all the way to a successful completion. The company motto: “With our help, it can be done”.

Among its clients are companies and state institutions such as KLM, Schiphol, the Dutch ministries of Housing and Internal Affairs, Achmea, INHOLLAND University and several European railway companies like the Railion Group (the Netherlands, Germany, Denmark), National Express Group, First Group, EWS and ProRail

### **About Railion Nederland N.V.**

Railion Nederland N.V. is the biggest railway transport company in the Netherlands and is a part of DB Logistics, the division transport and logistics of Deutsche Bahn AG. About 1.000 people work for Railion in the Netherlands. Railion has her own locomotives, wagons and drivers. In 2006 Railion Nederland transported a record of 31,1 million tons of goods. An increase of more than 6,5 percent compared to 2005.

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