

Press release

12% more lorries loaded onto the railway than in the previous year – for the modal shift, a solid continuation until 2028 is important

Up to the end of September 2023, RAIpin AG transported almost 12% more lorries through the Swiss Alps by rail in an environmentally friendly way than in the previous year. Alexander Muhm, a member of the SBB Group Executive Board, is joining the Board of Directors. Nicolas Perrin remains as Chairman.

The Rolling Highway between Freiburg (D) and Novara (I) is well positioned in the market: from June to September 2023, not only were significantly more lorries loaded onto the railway than in the same period in 2022, the figures also exceed those of the same months in the pre-pandemic year 2019. This development proves both the National Council and the Council of States right, to vote last March and June for the extension of this important product for shifting traffic from road to rail until the end of 2028.

A good 70% of all RAIpin AG trains reached their destination with a delay of less than 60 minutes. The value is slightly lower than in 2022 due to staff shortages with RAIpin's service providers, but still represents a good level of cross-border freight transport on the Rhine-Alpine Corridor between Rotterdam and Genoa. The Freiburg terminal location is south of the bottleneck on the German Rhine Valley railway, which is the main reason for the good overall quality.

The shareholder SBB is represented on the Board of Directors by Group Executive Board member Alexander Muhm, Head of Freight Transport at SBB with immediate effect. Dirk Stahl (BLS) and Michail Stahlhut (Hupac) remain as current members of the Board of Directors. Nicolas Perrin also continues to lead the Board as its Chairman as from the shareholder independent member.

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RAIpin AG at a glance

Headquartered in Olten, RAIpin AG operates the Rolling Highway (Rola) between Freiburg im Breisgau, Germany, and Novara, Italy. Its service encompasses over 100,000 opportunities for lorries to transfer from road to rail each year. Drivers embark their vehicles onto low-floor waggons at the terminals and accompany their loads safely in a sleeping car. RAIpin's Rolling Highway service makes a significant contribution to the modal shift of traffic from road to rail and to safeguarding the sensitive Alpine region.

The shareholders of RAIpin are BLS AG, Hupac SA and SBB AG.

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