

# Press release

## Top managers for a clean forest asset

*June 17, 2019. – Top managers from forestry joint stock companies cleaned together part of the forests around Veszprém from illegally disposed garbage. Rail Cargo Hungaria (RCH) and VERGA Zrt. organise this initiative for the fifth time in order to protect the Hungarian woodlands.*

Norbert Körös, Member of the Board of Directors of Rail Cargo Hungaria, CEO, and Ákos Gábor Ugron, general manager of VERGA Veszprémi Erdőgazdaság Zrt. set an example to raise awareness that forests are important assets of Hungary, and their protection is a common responsibility. With their active participation managers of Bakonyerdő Zrt. and KASZÓ Zrt. emphasised their engagement as well.

RCH transports more than one million tons of wood to wood processing plants, paper factories and for export purposes every year. The market leading Hungarian rail freight company – as the only participant on the market – is able to flexibly adjust to the changing transport needs with its comprehensive single wagon network. This service of RCH enables Hungarian companies to deliver their products on rail from connecting railways to their market. The occasionally produced wood amount is transported by RCH in some wagons to shunting stations. These wagons are formed to a train which forwards the trunk wood to national wood processing plants, paper factories and even abroad. The advantages of this flexible transport solution are acknowledged by the clients by an increasing number of orders. In 2018 RCH transported 10 per cent more wood compared to the previous year. In the first five months of 2019 forestries raised the amount of wood transported by RCH with 10 per cent, in comparison with the same period of last year. The majority of the exported wood transports are intended for Austria, with a yearly volume of 150 thousand tons.

Environmentally-friendly operation and the prevention of environmental pollution are important core values of Rail Cargo Hungaria Zrt. With its environmentally conscious activity the company unburdens the environment from several hundred thousand tons of CO<sub>2</sub>. Almost half of the traction services are performed with highly efficient electric locomotives which have zero CO<sub>2</sub> emission. Furthermore, in the course of braking, the train's kinetic energy is converted into electricity, which is then redirected to the network. Cleaning of forests is also part of the activities that are inspired by the eco-friendly engagement of the company.

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