

Press release

The green way: By railway to the Mátra hills – Environmentally friendly stone transport with Rail Cargo Hungaria

<u>Budapest, 26 March 2024</u> – Rail Cargo Hungaria's (RCH) single wagonload service contributes to the railway trackbed repairs taking place in several regions of Hungary. The crushed stone used for ballast building is being forwarded together with MÁV from the stone loader facility at Verpelét station.

The market leader railway undertaking also plays a role in freeing the villages along the river Tarna and in the foothills of the Mátra from the noise and environmental pollution caused by the transport of crushed stone from Kisnána by road. Previously, the stone extracted from the mine was transported by lorries through the streets across the villages to Kál-Kápolna train station situated 21 kilometres away. RCH also services the new railway stone loader facility commissioned by the government in Verpelét located only 5 kilometres away from the mine. The company fulfills this important railway activity smoothly, using its own class 2068 locomotive and the shunting personnel of MÁV.

The first consignments of this railway solution replacing the road transportation commenced to the region of Kiskunfélegyháza in March, and will be continued at the track reconstruction works of the Felsőzsolca, Szerencs, Kazincbarcika, Füzesabony and Baja stations until the beginning of June.

Depending on the requirements of the reconstruction, the raw material is often needed only in the amount of a few wagons. RCH is the only railway undertaking in Hungary that is able to offer single wagon load traffic service that covers the entire domestic railway infrastructure and, therefore, is fully qualified for the task of forwarding stone that is needed for the trackbed recovery works in small individual quantities, which, however, add up to a substantial quantity on the aggregate.

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