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## Railpool receives first Vectron locomotive

Today, Siemens handed over the first locomotive from its Vectron series at an event attended by Martin Zeil, the Bavarian Minister of Economic Affairs. During the ceremony, Railpool took delivery of the first vehicle from Dr. Jochen Eickholt, CEO of the Siemens Rail Systems Division. The Munich-based locomotive leasing company had ordered a total of six locomotives from Siemens at the end of 2010. "This is the first delivery of a locomotive based on our new platform. It is an encouraging signal for our business", Eickholt stressed. Minister Martin Zeil went on to say: "The development of this flexible locomotive concept and the demand it has generated demonstrate the competitiveness of the Bavarian rail industry. The Vectron will make rail transportation even more attractive and take the strain off the road system well beyond Bavaria's borders."



At the end of 2010, Railpool was the first company to decide in favor of the newly developed Vectron generation. Summarizing the reasons for his firm's decision,



Rated power 6,400 kW

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Suitable for freight, regional and intercity services

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Speed up to 200 km/h

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Equipped with ETCS

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Dr. Walter Breinl, CEO of Railpool GmbH, said: "The decisive factor for Railpool was that we can deploy the Vectron in freight, regional and intercity services without restriction – in other words the locomotives are totally interchangeable." The Railpool locomotives have a rated power of 6,400 kW and have been designed to run at up to 200 km/h. The vehicles will be used in cross-border passenger and freight services in Germany and Austria and are equipped with the European Train Control System (ETCS). The locomotives have already been fitted with the wiring for other train protection systems. That means that, in future, their area of operation can easily be extended, for example via Hungary toward Constanta, Romania. The locomotives are being built at the locomotive factory in Munich-Allach, Germany.



The Vectron AC locomotives for Railpool are equipped with TMC and WTB multiple traction control with an Austrian remote control concept. When hitched up for double running, Vectron locomotives can achieve a total tractive effort of 600 kN with absolutely no limitations. In order to ensure a high level of availability of its Vectron locomotives, Railpool signed up for spare parts supply from Siemens' warehouse, an option from the Railcover modular system. This order was the first time in Railpool's short history that it decided to buy Siemens' locomotives. Railpool GmbH was founded in 2008 as a joint venture between the KfW IPEX Bank and HSH Nordbank; the company leases locomotives and cars for the freight, regional and intercity services to rail operators with and without full service. This order put their number of locomotives up to 100 and the investment total up to 450 million Euros. «

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