

SBB Cargo International commissions SüdLeasing to order an additional 20 Vectron locomotives with XLoad from Siemens Mobility

- **Contract for locomotives includes their maintenance for 15 years**
- **XLoad increases hauling capability for Vectron locomotive**
- **Operating approval for Switzerland, Germany, the Netherlands, Austria, and Italy**

The Swiss company SBB Cargo International AG, in cooperation with Südleasing GmbH, has ordered an additional 20 Vectron multi-system locomotives equipped with the XLoad package. The locomotives will be leased by SBB Cargo International from SüdLeasing in a long-term contract with a flexible term. The contract also includes maintenance of the locomotives by Siemens Mobility for 15 years. The Vectron XLoad package improves the locomotive's traction capability in order to increase its hauling capacity and efficiency. Among other advantages, XLoad enables heavier trains to be run in single traction on the Swiss north-south axis, eliminating the need for a second four-axle booster locomotive. The Vectron locomotives have a maximum speed of 160 km/h.

“We are delighted about SBB Cargo International's decision to further expand its fleet of Vectron locomotives and would like to thank them for their trust in us and in our locomotive. With this expansion of its fleet and the increased hauling capability provided by XLoad, our customer will be able to serve the Alpine region even more efficiently,” said Albrecht Neumann, CEO Rolling Stock at Siemens Mobility. “This order increases the number of Vectrons sold in Switzerland to a total of 180.”

“For us, Vectron is the ideal locomotive for providing interoperable service between the Netherlands and Italy. In addition, the XLoad package will enable us to run longer and heavier trains in single traction through the Alps, eliminating the need for using a more expensive six-axle locomotive,” commented Sven Flore, CEO SBB Cargo International AG.

The 20 new locomotives will be used by SBB Cargo International for transalpine transport. With this order, the company will have a total of 78 Vectron locomotives in service. National approvals will enable operation in Switzerland, Germany, Austria, Italy, and the Netherlands. All locomotives are equipped with the European Train Control System ETCS BL3 as well as the required national train control systems.

With this order, Siemens Mobility has sold almost 2,500 locomotives from the Vectron family to 97 customers in 16 countries. The Vectron fleet has accumulated a total mileage of nearly one billion kilometers and proven its reliability and efficiency in everyday operation. Vectron platform locomotives are currently approved for operation in 20 European countries.

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