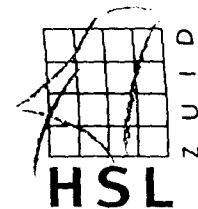


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Subject

Qualification HSL-Zuid Transport Contracts



CGEA-Connex, SJ International and Connexion  
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Dear Mr. Kienhorst,

I am writing to inform you of the results of the qualification phase. I am pleased to inform you that your consortium qualifies for the bidding phase of the HSL-Zuid Transport contracts.

You will receive the general Process Agreement in the course of next week. After returning a duly signed agreement we will send you the Invitation to Tender (ITT). We expect to send the ITT towards the end of November.

Other Applicants that qualify are:

- Arriva Nederland and Deutsche Bahn;
- NS Reizigers and KLM;
- Stagecoach Holdings Plc.

#### Clarification of the results

During the evaluation of your Request for Qualification, strengths and weaknesses have been identified by the assessors. We will call you next week to agree on a suitable date and venue to discuss these matters with you.

#### Information meeting

We intend to hold an information meeting with all parties on December 15th. During this meeting we will explain the results of our market research and give you the opportunity to talk with the researchers, the representatives of the Infrastructure Manager and the Tenderteam Infraprovider. An invitation for this meeting will be sent to you early in November.

Should you have any questions do not hesitate to call Roel Testroote on +31 30 2728 751.

Yours sincerely,

Bas van Os  
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Dear Sirs,

As from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2001 SJ Swedish State Railways will change its structure and corporate status. What is today a state owned administrative body will become six separate limited companies focused on passenger transport, freight, real estate, rolling stock maintenance, terminal services and IT.

The names of the core railway companies (passenger and freight services) will be SJ AB and SJ Green Cargo AB respectively. They will continue to be 100% state owned.

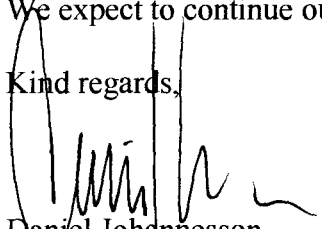
As a consequence of this change SJ Green Cargo AB and SJ AB will each take direct responsibility for all international activities related to their respective business areas. This means that the activities and responsibilities now handled through SJ International will be transferred to them. SJ International will be closed down and the staff will take on new responsibilities. The hand over will take place between now and the end of the year. The staff of the new companies will contact you as necessary in the course of ongoing projects.

The above does not change our commitment to our partners and to business opportunities abroad.

The staff of SJ International and the Managing Director Mr Sunit Ray have performed an important and ground breaking job for SJ in our strive to make the transition from being a national railway monopoly to become international, focused rail transport service providers

We expect to continue our efforts and build on what SJ International started together with you.

Kind regards,

  
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