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## **cargo-partner Offers Combined Rail and Sea Transport Solution from Western China via “Land-Sea Corridor”**

**The international transport and info-logistics provider offers an intermodal transport service connecting the west of China with the ASEAN region as well as Europe. Rail transport via the hub of Chongqing offers significant time and cost savings compared to pre-carriage by barge or truck. Seafreight services are available from southern China to numerous destinations.**

The “New International Land-Sea Trade Corridor” forms part of China’s comprehensive “Belt and Road Initiative” and was launched in cooperation with member states of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) in 2017. This trade and logistics passage is centered around the rail transport hub of Chongqing in southwest China and provides an efficient method of transporting goods from the country’s western provinces to and from numerous destinations in Asia and Europe. As of 2019, the land-sea corridor was connected to around 190 ports in 90 countries worldwide.

### **Daily railway service from hinterland to southern ports of China**

cargo-partner makes use of the land-sea corridor to offer a combined rail and sea transport solution covering transports to and from all of western China. For exports from the region, cargo can be picked up from 13 hinterland provinces and transported by rail via Chongqing to ports in the south of China, such as Qinzhou. Daily railway services connect Chongqing to Qinzhou with transit times of around 36 hours. From there, shipments are forwarded by sea to numerous other ports worldwide.

Stefan Krauter, CEO of cargo-partner, sees great potential in this region: “With China’s ambitious development plans for its western provinces, the country has made major investments into the infrastructure of this up-and-coming region. Initiatives like the New International Land-Sea Trade Corridor not only give a boost to trade relations between China and its neighboring countries, but also offer favorable logistics solutions for exports to Europe. We are glad to provide our customers with a fast and cost-effective solution for their transports to and from the Chinese hinterland.”

### **Faster than barge, more cost-efficient than road transport**

By making use of the rail connection via Chongqing, cargo-partner can offer significant time and cost advantages compared to pre-carriage from western China by truck or barge. Depending on the route, door-to-port transit times by rail are at least 7 to 10 days shorter than by barge, at only around 30 to 50 percent of the cost of road transport. Thanks to cargo-partner’s extensive network of own offices throughout Asia and Europe, the logistics provider can offer door-to-door solutions.

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### **About cargo-partner**

cargo-partner is a privately owned full-range info-logistics provider offering a comprehensive portfolio of air, sea, land transport and warehousing solutions. With over a third of a century’s expertise in information technology and supply chain optimization, the company designs tailor-made services for a wide range of industries to create competitive benefits for its customers all around the world. Founded in 1983, cargo-partner generated an estimated turnover of over one billion euro in 2020 and currently employs 3,150 people worldwide.

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