

## Chinese Sinotrans establishes rail link between Shenzhen and Duisburg

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Sinotrans, the logistics division of the China Merchants Group (CMG), establishes its own rail link between Shenzhen and Duisburg. With the new connection to the Greater Bay Area Pearl River Delta, the partners have developed a new option for freight transport between China and Europe. The partnership was arranged by duisport Chief Executive Officer Erich Staake and Sinotrans Chief Executive Officer Guanpeng Li. Up to 60 trains travel between Duisburg and various destinations in China every week.

### Secure supply chains between Europe and China

“Shenzhen together with the Greater Bay Area (Pearl River Delta) is one of the most successful economic regions in China. Duisburg is a transport hub for multiple transport carriers in Europe. On the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the special economic zone Shenzhen, we have established the “Bay Area” rail link between Shenzhen and Europe together with our cooperation partners. The opening of the “Bay Area” plays a crucial role in securing continuous supply chains between China and Europe and promoting even closer economic contacts”, explains Guanpeng Li, Chief Executive Officer of Sinotrans.

### duisport: Growth with new destinations in China

“The new rail link between Duisburg and Shenzhen represents another building block in our continuous growth strategy. After connecting Jinan in north-east China and Changsha in central China to our network in the spring, we have turned our attention to increasing the services for the Pearl River Delta. This strategic partnership strengthens our network”, says duisport CEO Erich Staake.

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Seen off on its maiden voyage by Guanpeng Li himself, the new rail link marks the classic stops along the New Silk Road: from China through Kazakhstan, Russia, Belarus, Poland to Duisburg.

Sinotrans, which is part of the China Merchants Group, is a leading global provider of integrated logistics services with annual sales of EUR 9.49 billion. As early as 2016, the duisport Group entered into a strategic and project cooperation with China Merchant.

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