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FIRST ASCENDOS EMD CLASS 66 FREIGHT LOCOMOTIVE TO COME OUT OF GERMAN LARGE OVERHAUL

The first Ascendos Rail Leasing (**ASCENDOS**) EMD Class 66 freight locomotive to complete the German “Hauptuntersuchung” (**HU**) or large overhaul will be handed over at the HGK premises in Brühl-Vochem on Friday, 19 February 2010.

Ascendos Rail Leasing is the new name for the CBRail Leasing companies located in Luxembourg and Germany, and the locomotive will be presented in the new **ASCENDOS** corporate colours and logo.

ASCENDOS has a fleet of twenty four (24) Class 66 Locomotives, currently equipped for operation in Germany, Belgium, The Netherlands and Poland. They have been operating very successfully since their introduction.

ASCENDOS has worked closely with both HGK and EMD to develop the content and process of the HU in order to ensure that the locomotives can continue to operate reliably and efficiently in the future. The experience of HGK, as one of the first operators and maintainers of this locomotive type in Europe, and **ASCENDOS**, as the owner of many of the first Class 66 locomotives to be introduced to the European continent, have made for an effective partnership.

This is the first of five (5) **ASCENDOS** Class 66 locomotives to undergo the HU at HGK’s newly built factory in Brühl-Vochem in the Rhineland, and on the day of the handover **ASCENDOS** and HGK will also sign an agreement for a further five (5) HU orders.

ASCENDOS offers a diversified range of rolling stock assets on operating leases. The **ASCENDOS** fleet comprises a mixture of locomotives, passenger trains and freight wagons leased to operators based in Germany, Belgium, The Netherlands, Luxembourg and Denmark. The **ASCENDOS** management team has played a leading role in the development of the rolling stock leasing market in continental Europe and has strong asset expertise and understanding of the rail business.

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