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Intermodal Group helps deliver Fremantle Port 20% rail target

Intermodal Group is proud to have played its part in achieving the State Government's 20% target of containers on rail through Fremantle Port.

Intermodal Group (IMG) has played a key role in achieving the 20% port rail near term annual target for the first time since the North Quay Rail Terminal (NQRT) was established in 2007. Total NQRT container rail volumes in 2017/18 were around 124,000 TEU at a 16% rail share, with volumes increasing significantly in the last 12 months to just under 158,000 TEU to achieve the 20% rail share.

Grant Thompson, Chair IMG said: "We have worked closely with our Customers to achieve record growth in container numbers through the North Quay Rail Terminal over the past 12 months. These outstanding volumes are the result of the current State Government's support to encourage more freight on rail through the container port rail subsidy, strong demand for WA agricultural exports and initiatives implemented by IMG to attract and retain Customers on the port rail service."

IMG import/export container supply chain efficiencies introduced during the past 12 months have included regular triple daily return rail services between Forrestfield Intermodal Terminal (FIT) and NQRT, improved trucking turnarounds and efficiencies at FIT & NQRT and better understanding of customer needs, including being more flexible and delivering consistently.

In addition, the recently announced IMG partnership with Qube Logistics has started to produce results, with container volumes beginning to transfer from road to rail. IMG are confident this partnership will result in more import and export container volumes moving on rail, which will underpin the growth required to achieve the State Government's aspirational port rail target of 30%.

"Attracting more container volumes onto rail is a key focus for IMG and will only be achieved with the continued support of our Customers and key stakeholders," Mr Thompson said. "As the current operator of NQRT and associated Forrestfield Intermodal Terminal, we are proud to work with our Customers to be an active contributor in attracting more freight on rail and reducing truck traffic on roads around Fremantle Port."

"Listening to our Customers and understanding their supply chain requirements is the key to continue providing great service and growing volumes on rail" Mr Thompson explained. "IMG brings the experience and understanding of operating a successful intermodal supply chain and operating NQRT as an open access, independent terminal. We strongly believe continuity in operations at NQRT, sustained financial support from the State Government and the development of appropriate inland intermodal facilities underpins the ultimate success of this strategy."



About Intermodal Group

Intermodal Group (IMG), which is co-owned by Watco Australia and Qube Logistics, commenced operations in early 2007 and has grown to become a crucial part of the import/export container logistics supply chain in Western Australia. As one of the largest single providers of containerised freight movement, IMG's capacity to move large volumes of containers quickly helps to ease congestion on local roads and assists with the smooth and efficient operation of the port.

Incorporating its rail operation Intermodal Link Services (ILS) and its container storage, hire and de-hire service Intermodal Container Services (ICS), IMG leverage the efficiencies of rail infrastructure to provide complete rail to port logistics solution for importers and exporters.

IMG manages rail terminals at Fremantle Ports Inner Harbour (North Quay Rail Terminal) and at Forrestfield (Forrestfield Intermodal Terminal). IMG also operates the largest inland empty container park in WA, which is co-located on the Forrestfield site.

IMG recognises the impacts transporting freight has on community amenity and the environment and looks to provide both a commercially viable and environmentally sensitive solution. By shifting large volumes on rail to and from the port, heavy vehicle movements are reduced accessing the port, leading to improved road safety, reduced road damage and allowing road transport companies to utilise their expensive trailing equipment more efficiently.

For more information about IMG, please visit www.intermodal.net.au

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