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### Pioneering Concepts from HaCon at transport logistic 2013

**HaCon will be presenting its divisions Consulting, HAFAS and TPS at the international trade show for logistics, mobility, IT and supply chain management. In addition to future-oriented concepts for transport and logistics, the Hannover-based company will introduce innovations in passenger information and train planning.**

**Hannover, May 15, 2013.** From June 4 – 7, the exhibition grounds in Munich become the venue for logistics professionals from all over the world. HaCon will be one of almost 2,000 exhibitors from 60 countries who show their latest highlights. Visitors to the HaCon stands **126** and **129** in **hall B6** can inform themselves of the Consulting team's current projects as well as of cutting-edge features for the timetable information system HAFAS and the train planning system TPS.

HaCon consults and assists its customers with projects in rail freight transport and combined transport and has many years of project management experience for the European Commission and other sponsors. At stand 126, the interdisciplinary consulting team presents its latest projects **ViWaS**, **SPIDER PLUS** and **TIGER DEMO**. Aside from project coordination, their service portfolio includes policy advice, transport research, funding assistance and developing rail operation concepts.

For the R&D project **ViWaS**, ten European companies and research institutions from the areas of rail transportation and logistics have joined forces to develop solutions for sustainable single wagon traffic that are simultaneously innovative and practical. HaCon is responsible for the coordination and supervision of the three-year project that is supported with funds from the European Commission.

**SPIDER PLUS** aims at strengthening rail transport and creating seamless transport chains: Together with twelve European partners, HaCon develops visions for rail cargo and passenger traffic in 2050. Factors like infrastructure, urban and regional planning as well as IT systems are being taken into consideration for the project.

After the first TIGER project was successfully completed last year, **TIGER DEMO** started the practical phase of improving the performances and competitiveness of rail connections between seaports and their near and distant hinterlands. Project sites are the Genoa Fast Corridor (GFC), the iPort in Hamburg and Bremerhaven, and the Megahub in Hannover/Lehrte.

At **stand 129**, HaCon presents its software innovations: The timetable information system **HAFAS** provides real-time data to various output channels – especially mobile journey planner apps will be at the center of attention. Transport companies and passengers alike benefit from several new features for **HAFAS Smart VMS**: HaCon's award-winning vehicle management system gathers real-time data in the vehicles and enables better communication between train or bus drivers, control centers and passengers.

In addition, HaCon will show the next generation of its train planning system **TPS** that combines infrastructure, timetable and train path management. Since recently, the Norwegian national railways (JBV) have put their trust in TPS. New highlights include workflow support for train path enquiries and construction site management. Also, TPS now takes route and station hours into account.

**About HaCon:** Headquartered in Hannover, Germany, HaCon creates and develops high-quality software solutions for traffic, transport and logistics. With over 25 years of experience and a dedicated team of 180 IT and transport planning specialists, HaCon has established itself as the leading European player for planning, scheduling and information solutions. The timetable information system HAFAS is used by transportation companies and networks all over the world. Every day, passengers in 25 countries place over 40 million journey planner requests that facilitate the use of public transport. Long-time HAFAS customers such as Deutsche Bahn (Germany) and SNCF (France) benefit from ever new, innovative developments for mobile applications, internet journey planners and printed timetables. A powerful solution for timetable construction and capacity management, HaCon's train planning system TPS enjoys a growing European user base. [www.hacon.de](http://www.hacon.de)