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## JF HILLEBRAND PUTS THE RAIL SHIPMENT EUROPE/CHINA TO THE TEST AND INTRODUCES THE FIRST RESULTS DURING VINEXPO BORDEAUX 2017.

**PARIS, 16th June 2017, JF Hillebrand and Groupe InterRail conducted a test shipment of French wine by rail, from Duisburg (Germany) to Yiwu (China).**

Given customers' current demand for a rail transport alternative between Europe and China, JF Hillebrand the international service provider specialised in the logistics of beer, wine and spirits wants to determine the value of the service without compromising the integrity and the security of the high valued product.



*« This mode of transport complements sea freight and airfreight and offers a very promising outlook. It is exciting to be contributing to the development of a new transport service of beer, wine and spirits; especially one which could drive the evolution of logistics' footprint in Asia. However, this is just the beginning and it is important to rapidly determine areas for improvement, in particular, securing against the inherent risks attached to this type of transport. We have planned to carry out a series of tests — the first being the reason for this conference — in order to provide insight on the current limitations of this type of transport and offer our clients the best advice and support in their choice of logistics solutions ».*

Yvan Astier – Country Manager JF Hillebrand France.

Within the initial test, a dry container was fitted with JF Hillebrand's manufactured trademark protective liner foil system – the VinLiner, thus minimising thermal shocks and levels of relative humidity. There were also 10 captors installed within the container to record accurate data on the temperatures, G forces and altitude during transportation.

The shipment was consolidated in one of JF Hillebrand's warehouses in Moerdijk, Netherlands and then transported to the railway station in Duisburg where the container departed on the 5th May. The container arrived at the railway station of Yiwu on the 27th May after covering a distance of 11 400km and crossing through 6 countries (Germany, Poland, Belarus, Russia, Kazakhstan, and China). It was further moved by truck to JF Hillebrand's warehouse in Shanghai where it was unloaded and further dispatched to final destination.



During Vinexpo Bordeaux 2017, JF Hillebrand, premium partner of the event, is organising a press conference on Monday 19th June from 5pm to 6pm at the Expert Zone– conference « Rail Europe-China: what are the implications for wine and spirits? » in presence of Pierre Corvisier, JF Hillebrand Group Service Development and Innovation Director, Jansson Chan, JF Hillebrand Group Area Director for Greater China, Ann Carmichael, JF Hillebrand France Organisation and Methods Director, Hendrik Wehlen, InterRail General Manager Sales & Operations and Carsten Pottharst, InterRail Managing Director – Operations.

JF Hillebrand's and InterRail's experts will analyse the first results collected from the ten sensors and share their expertise on this service's viability offering an informed view on this new logistics solution. Booth L261, Lakeside, door 26.

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#### ABOUT JF HILLEBRAND

JF Hillebrand is part of JF Hillebrand Group is a privately owned company, headquartered in Mainz, Germany. The company is an international service provider specialised in the logistics of beer, wine and spirits and keg supply chain management for the beer industry. The Group employs 2500 people across 58 offices around the world. Presence in 91 countries, 1.1 billion € turnover in 2016.

#### ABOUT INTERRAIL

The InterRail Group, registered in Switzerland, is an international transport group with a focus on rail freight, ownership of rolling stock and containers. As the operator of container block trains between Europe and Asia, InterRail has the specific knowhow and knowledge for the transport of conventional and containerized cargo from and to Russia, China, the CIS and Southwest/Central Asia, as well as in transit through these countries. InterRail has direct contracts with all national railway companies within the CIS and China. Among others, the service portfolio includes end-to-end freight rates, documentation, pre- and on-carriage for rail traffics, tracking and tracing as well as container provision. InterRail operates its own offices amongst others in Azerbaijan, Belarus, China, Germany, India, Iran, Kazakhstan, Poland, Russia, Switzerland, Ukraine and Uzbekistan.