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**Schmitz Cargobull and RIO enter into cooperation to improve data exchange between trailer and truck**

August 2023 - Schmitz Cargobull and RIO are jointly developing further digital communications between trailer and tractor. The partnership with RIO enables the forwarding of Schmitz Cargobull trailer data to the RIO portal and the import of truck telematics data via connection to the TrailerConnect® Data Management Center.

"Our partnership enables transportation companies to access a comprehensive set of truck and trailer data in real time and in one place. This makes it easier for dispatchers to schedule tours and for fleet managers to better coordinate service calls," says Matthias Cordes, Head of Product Management Telematics.

The integration provides a clear, detailed overview of key truck and trailer data on one platform without the need to install additional hardware. This way, RIO Truck and Schmitz Cargobull Trailer data is displayed in real time as well as comprehensive fleet and map information.

"The interface of RIO with Schmitz Cargobull TrailerConnect® is one of many important steps to further simplify logistics processes. This brings us ever closer to a uniform and clear ecosystem for freight forwarders, ensuring we break down the data silos of days gone by," says Jan Kaumanns, CEO of RIO.

At a glance, fleet managers can view truck and trailer telematics data in one place on the TrailerConnect® portal. This helps with dispatching, route optimisation and managing schedules, as well as improving overall fleet efficiency and reducing operating costs. Combined telematics data offers advantages in truck and trailer maintenance management. Real-time alerts help plan repair and maintenance work and reduce breakdowns and downtime.

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Since 2018, Schmitz Cargobull has been equipping all semi-trailers and curtainsiders with the TrailerConnect® telematics system as standard under the motto ‘100% SMART’.

With the availability of trailer telematics data, Schmitz Cargobull is continuing to drive forward the digital transformation of the industry and creating a broad basis for the optimal control of a networked and integrated logistics chain for greater efficiency and low total cost of ownership (TCO). If a customer uses a third-party system, it is possible to securely transfer the data to third-party systems such as Transport Management Systems (TMS) or Real Time Visibility Platforms (RTVP) via the TrailerConnect® Data Management Center (DMC), which is integrated into the TrailerConnect® portal.

The number of partners using the interface connection via the TrailerConnect® Data Management Center is growing steadily.

TRATON GROUP has been offering an open, cloud-based solution for the entire transport and logistics ecosystem since 2016 with its digital brand RIO. The aim is to use

RIO's digital services and partners to connect all participants in the supply chain. The product portfolio includes solutions for the logistics and transport industry from the areas of telematics, transport management and driver communication. The TRATON GROUP is a subsidiary of Volkswagen and is one of the world's leading commercial vehicle manufacturers with its Scania, MAN, Navistar and Volkswagen truck and bus brands.

**About Schmitz Cargobull**

With an annual production of around 61,000 trailers and with approximately 6,900 employees, Schmitz Cargobull AG is Europe’s leading manufacturer of semi-trailers, trailers and truck bodies for temperature-controlled freight, general cargo and bulk goods. The company achieved sales of around €2.3 billion in the 2021/22 financial year. As a pioneer in the industry, the North German company developed a comprehensive brand strategy early on and consistently established quality standards spanning every level: from research and development, through production and service contracts, to trailer telematics, financing, spare parts, and used vehicles.

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