

## PRESS RELEASE

# HKX Expands Schedule

### Three trips per direction each day starting April 29, 2013: Inexpensive morning, afternoon and evening travel between Hamburg and Cologne

**(Cologne, April 11, 2013)** The Hamburg-Köln-Express (HKX) is to expand its schedule starting April 29, 2013. As of this date, the relatively new railroad company will be offering travelers looking for affordable train travel three connections in each direction, not just on Fridays and Saturdays but on all weekdays: One in the morning, one in the afternoon and one in the evening from Cologne to Hamburg and back from Hamburg to Cologne. The only exceptions are Sundays and national holidays, as there is little demand for early trains on these days.

“As of April 29, 2013, we will be offering our customers the full schedule as originally planned,” says CEO of HKX, Eva Kreienkamp. “The fact that we are able to do this just nine months after starting business is a great success.”

Up until now, more than 25,000 passengers have been traveling on the HKX every month. The development in demand is good; the number of passengers is increasing. “We want to accommodate this demand by expanding our service,” says Kreienkamp. “To do so, we are gradually increasing the length of our trains. First on the most popular weekend days, but also before national holidays and during vacation periods.”

The HKX has been running between Hamburg and Cologne since July 23, 2012, with stops at Hamburg-Altona, Hamburg Central Station, Hamburg-Harburg, Osnabrück Central Station, Münster Central Station, Gelsenkirchen Central Station, Duisburg Central Station, Essen Central Station, Düsseldorf Central Station and Cologne Central Station. The travel time for the whole route is a good four hours. “X tickets” can be purchased on the internet at [www.hkx.de](http://www.hkx.de), at the Rheinbahn sales points, at a growing number of travel agencies along the route and in their catchment areas, by telephone at the HKX Service Center (Tel.: +49 (0) 180-3 459 459, 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.) or on board all HKX trains. Please note, however, that the on-board fare is higher.

Hamburg-Köln-Express GmbH (HKX) is the first private railroad company in Germany to exclusively run long-distance passenger transport by rail. The chief partner of HKX GmbH is Railroad Development Corporation (RDC) Deutschland.

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