

Hans Leister heads European passenger business for RDC

Cologne, Germany / April 24, 2014 — Railroad Development Corporation (RDC) announces the appointment of Hans Leister (61) to the new position *Managing Director Passenger Services – Europe*. The company based in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (USA) operates and invests in rail services. In Germany, RDC is the major shareholder of Hamburg-Köln-Express GmbH (HKX), the first private railway company in Germany which exclusively supplies long-distance passenger rail services. RDC has introduced the new position in order to strengthen its business in Europe and develop new business opportunities.

Hans Leister is a well-known rail expert and has many years of management experience in developing and establishing new passenger rail services and a strong personal network in the rail industry. Throughout his career, fair competition in rail and excellent passenger service have been the focus of Mr. Leister's work, first at Deutsche Bahn, then as CEO of Connex Regiobahn and later of Keolis Germany. During his time as manager at Deutsche Bahn, he was responsible for the development of the new concept for regional passenger rail services in the capital region Berlin-Brandenburg. Later at Veolia (at the time: Connex), he developed and extended the company's regional rail business and successfully introduced the first long-distance rail service Interconnex. At Keolis, he restructured and further developed the Keolis regional passenger rail business.

At RDC, Hans Leister will now focus on strengthening HKX and on developing and extending its European passenger business investments.

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