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## A groundbreaking innovation from Croatia presented in Berlin at the Innotrans 2014 Trade Fair

**Railways Carriages Factory Cakovec Ltd. with its partners presents the self-propelled bulk carriage**

**RZV - Railways Carriages Factory Cakovec** for the first time as an exhibitor at the Innotrans 2014 Trade Fair in Berlin, Germany (from September 23<sup>rd</sup> to September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014) present the self-propelled bulk carriage.

Over the past three years RZV has been developing this cutting-edge product for railway construction and maintenance work. Unlike typical bulk wagons, this carriage is equipped with an electric motor enabling it to **move without the assistance of a locomotive**. As well, the **hydraulic systems and adjustable side doors** enable the carriage to disperse materials in a controlled and safe manner. The **resource usage is three times less** with the self-propelled carriage in comparison to current vehicles and methods being used for railway maintenance/construction works.

Mr. Dražen Vidović, general manager of RZV said: “we are a middle-sized company located in Cakovec, Croatia specializing in the production, maintenance and equipping of rail vehicles. We pride ourselves on being an innovative company that works directly with clients, develops new processes to improve the efficiency of vehicles, and contributes to solving all of the major issues facing the rail sector including energy efficiency, safety, and environmental protection. The Self-propelled Carriage has been constructed with this in mind so that we have a greener and more efficient rail sector.”

The development of the carriage has been supported via the European Union’s Eco-Innovation Programme. 444.694,00 EUR has been provided to the project “Market introduction of a self-propelled bulk carriage – SELF PROP RAIL” through the programme (50% co-financing of the 889.386,00 EUR budget). The project focuses on the commercialization of the carriage. More information about SELF PROP RAIL is available on the website: <http://www.selfproprail.eu/>

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