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## Flexitank recycling initiative wins GFA Environmental Award for Freightliner and Trans Ocean

The collaborative partnership between leading UK rail freight provider, Freightliner and Trans Ocean, the bulk liquid division of specialist logistics provider to the beverage industry, JF Hillebrand, was recognised at this year's Global Freight Awards which acknowledge the very best of the global freight and logistics industry.

Freightliner, a subsidiary of Genesee and Wyoming Inc. (G&W), and Trans Ocean were presented with the coveted Environmental Award for their joint bulk wine recycling initiative.

Since 2010, Freightliner and Trans Ocean have collaborated to facilitate the movement of goods via rail wherever possible. As a result, more than 70% of the wine imported by Trans Ocean from countries such as South Africa, Chile, New Zealand, Australia and North and South America is railed inland by Freightliner for delivery to final destinations across the UK, removing around 4.8 million lorry miles from our roads annually.

"The environmental benefits of moving freight by rail are well known, cutting CO2 emissions by 76% per tonne, reducing air pollution and easing congestion on our busy roads, said Freightliner Commercial Director Joanne Turner. "This, combined with our joint recycling initiative, puts Freightliner and Trans Ocean at the forefront of environmental innovation."

Trans Ocean transports the wine in Flexitanks made from fully recyclable polyethylene material inside containers which are transported to all the major bottling plants across the UK every week.

The recycling operations at Freightliners' Bristol and Garston terminals see 100% of the bulk wine Flexitanks recycled and 95% of the bulk heads which keep the Flexitanks in place in the containers, refurbished and reused. Wine residue is also captured, measured and recycled into the agricultural industry.

"We are committed to minimising the environmental impact of our Flexitanks at every stage of the product lifecycle - from the design and manufacture, through the transportation and then finally to recovery and recycling," said Marc Graham, Branch Manager UK for Trans Ocean. "This initiative has enabled us to recycle 900 tonnes of plastic in the past year alone."

In response to export demands, Freightliner is now fitting Flexitanks for other non-hazardous bulk liquids including beverages and edible and non-edible oils on behalf of Trans Ocean.

## **Notes to Editors:**

### **Freightliner**

Freightliner is part of Genesee & Wyoming Inc. (G&W). G&W owns or leases 122 freight railroads organized in nine locally managed operating regions with 8,000 employees serving 3,000 customers.

G&W's UK/Europe Region is led by Freightliner, the UK's largest transporter and inland terminal operator for the movement of deep sea maritime containers and the only UK rail freight operator with its own fleet of trucks, offering a complete logistics package.

Freightliner is also a leading UK bulk freight company, setting new standards of reliability, flexibility and customer service in the bulk freight sector whilst continuing to invest in innovative solutions for customers' business needs.

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### **Trans Ocean**

Trans Ocean is part of JF Hillebrand Group, an international logistics service provider specialised in beer, wine and spirits, and industrial bulk.

Trans Ocean has been providing fully integrated logistics for non-hazardous liquids solutions for over 35 years. It is the only global Flexitank service provider that is also vertically integrated.

The company designs, produces, and fits Flexitanks, provides end-to-end logistics, and manages worldwide equipment recovery and recycling. This allows for complete control over equipment supply and quality, leading to the continuous improvement of every aspect of its global operations.

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