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## Press release

# A good year for the rolling highway

**RAIpin's rolling highway service transferred 110,000 trucks from road to rail in 2014. This represents an increase of 1.1 per cent compared to the previous year.**

Roughly 110,000 trucks were transported on the rolling highway in 2014, 99,300 of them on the Freiburg i. Br. (D) – Novara (I) relation and 10,500 on the Basel – Lugano relation. Bad weather in Northern Italy at the end of the year led to line closures, thus preventing a new record being set. Around 120 trains with the potential to carry more than 2,000 trucks had to be cancelled due to bad weather and earth slips in 2014. Restrictions are expected to continue until the end of February 2015.

Despite this, 2014 turned out to be a positive year. The rolling highway, launched in 2001, carried its millionth truck in February, and there were no incidents to speak of until the bad weather in the winter. 2014 showed that, under normal operating circumstances, RAIpin is able to achieve excellent results when it comes to transferring heavy goods traffic from road to rail. With demand stable and high, and an average capacity utilisation figure of 87%, the rolling highway remains an attractive option for crossing the Alps and a key plank in Switzerland's transport policy.

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### RAIpin AG at a glance

Headquartered in Olten, RAIpin AG operates the rolling highway between Freiburg im Breisgau, Germany, and Novara, Italy, and between Basel and Lugano. Every year, the company transfers more than 100,000 heavy goods vehicles from road to rail. Under the rolling highway system, drivers drive their vehicles onto low-floor wagons at the terminals and accompany their loads in a passenger coach. This service finds RAIpin making a significant contribution to the transfer of traffic from road to rail and safeguarding the sensitive Alpine region.

The shareholders of RAIpin are BLS AG, Hupac SA, SBB Cargo AG and Trenitalia SpA.

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