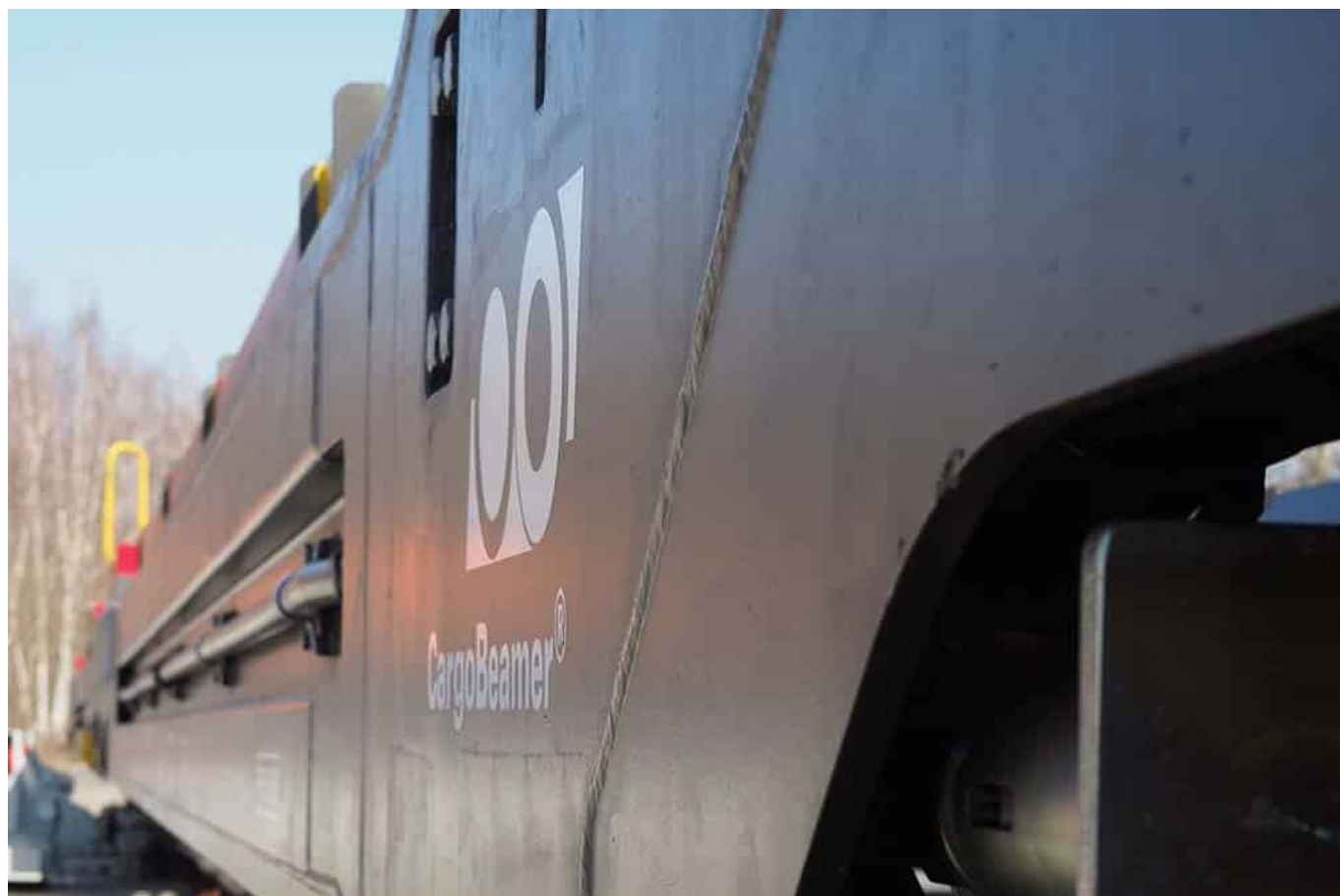


# CargoBeamer to open its own wagon production facility in Germany

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**CargoBeamer**, a European logistics service provider for the intermodal transport of non-craneable semi-trailers, will open a new facility in Germany to build intermodal wagons for rail.

It will be based in Erfurt at a site previously used to build locomotives.

After a short ramp-up phase, **CargoBeamer** says about 500 wagons are to be produced annually from early 2023. Before production begins, the 3,000 square meter production facility will be modernised, including an energy-efficient renovation of the roof and reactivation of an existing rail connection.

Initially, around 15 people will be employed in Erfurt, with the headcount expected to grow to around 50 employees in the medium term.

The proprietary wagons are designed for the intermodal transport of semi-trailers and other loading units by rail. Its construction of a steel frame and a loading pallet enables horizontal, parallel, and automated loading of all kinds of loading units in a **CargoBeamer** terminal.

Transportation on rail, **CargoBeamer** says, means reducing carbon emissions by about 80% compared to covering the same distance by road. Furthermore, the craneable loading pallet allows **CargoBeamer** trains to be handled in any conventional crane terminal, where the pallet and transport unit are lifted off the train together.

Philipp Aubert, managing director of CargoBeamer Rolling Stock GmbH, said: "To achieve our ambitious growth plans, the number of wagons – in addition to a dense network of routes and terminals – will be the key indicator for shifting more transports to climate-friendly rail.

"In recent months, we have discovered that production capacities for intermodal wagons in Europe are no longer sufficient for our plans and have therefore decided to carry out the final assembly of our freight cars ourselves.

"For CargoBeamer, where we are rapidly growing into an international company with locations and employees in a wide range of European countries, it is a particular pleasure to bring parts of the wagon production back to Germany and to strengthen the regional economic power in Central Germany by opening this site in Erfurt.

"At the same time, having our first manufacturing facility expands our know-how, allows us to actively counter market fluctuations and capacity bottlenecks in terms of production, and thus ensures our growth ambitions for the coming years."