Memorandum of Understanding

between

Railway Infrastructure Managers and Allocation Bodies of the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Austria, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria and Greece

establishing the Management Board of Rail Freight Corridor 7

"Prague-Vienna/Bratislava-Budapest — Bucharest-Constanta— Vidin-Sofia-Thessaloniki-Athens" in accordance with Regulation (EU) 913/2010

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

hereby establishing the Management Board of Rail Freight Corridor 7 "Prague-Vienna/Bratislava-Budapest — Bucharest-Constanta — Vidin-Sofia-Thessaloniki-Athens" in accordance with Regulation (EU) 913/2010

agreed between

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hereinafter: "Parties"

Establishment of the Management Board

Parties hereby establish the Management Board of Rail Freight Corridor 7 "Prague-Vienna/Bratislava-Budapest — Bucharest-Constanta — Vidin-Sofia-Thessaloniki-Athens" as defined in Regulation (EU) 913/2010. Members of the Management Board shall be the Representatives of Parties named above.

The management board shall take its decisions, including its decisions regarding its legal status, the establishment of its organizational structure, resources and staffing, on the basis of mutual consent of its members.

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II. **Background**

Having regard to the adoption by the European Parliament and the Council on 22 September 2010 of Regulation (EU) 913/2010 concerning a European rail network for competitive freight, entering into force on 9 November 2010;

- Having regard to the intention to implement the European international rail freight corridors in a manner consistent with the European Railway Traffic Management System (ERTMS) corridors, the Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T) and the RailNetEurope (RNE), and to the necessity of the coordinated development of the networks;
- Having regard to the prescription of Regulation (EU) 913/2010 to establish and develop Corridor 7 Prague-Vienna/Bratislava-Budapest — Bucharest-Constanta— Vidin-Sofia-Thessaloniki-Athens;
- Having regard to the Memorandum of Understanding establishing the Executive Board of the Corridor signed on 16 June 2011 by ministers in charge of transport of the countries concerned;
- Having regard to the implementation of the technical specifications for interoperability relating to the Trans-European railway transport system;
- Having regard the Common Declaration of the Infrastructure Managers of the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Austria, Hungary, Romania on the ETCS Corridor E "Dresden-Prague-Vienna/Bratislava-Budapest-Bucharest-Constanta" signed on 10 February 2010 and the intension to extend the Corridor E towards Bulgaria and Greece, as included in the MoU of the Executive Board;
- Acknowledging the importance of the Corridor 7 railway axis facilitating the rail freight traffic, and significantly contributing to link the Northern area of Central Europe and Black Sea, Aegean Sea, Asia, as well as giving Central European countries an access to them;

 Having regard the TEN-T Priority Project 22 (which is related to Freight Corridor 7), as a potential integration into Freight Corridor 7 (according to Article 4, paragraph c) of Regulation (EU) 913/2010)

members of the Management Board hereby certify their commitments as follows.

III. Definitions

For purposes of this Memorandum of Understanding, the following definitions apply. Terms not defined here shall have the meaning provided in the Regulation (EU) 913/2010.

Regulation: Regulation (EU) 913/2010 concerning a European rail network for competitive freight

MoU: Memorandum of Understanding

Corridor 7: Rail Freight Corridor 7 "Prague-Vienna/Bratislava-Budapest — Bucharest-Constanta — Vidin-Sofia-Thessaloniki-Athens"

MB: Management Board as described in the Regulation

EB: Executive Board as described in the Regulation

IV. Activities

Specific activities covered under this MoU include, but are not limited to:

- Cooperation at a high level in order to fulfil the requirements and the aim of the Regulation;
- Involvement of all stakeholders to maximize the benefits of cooperation, including railway infrastructure companies concerned in the countries neighbouring Corridor 7 holding observer status;
- Defining the Internal Terms and Regulations of the Management Board that determines the organizational structure and the working and decision-making procedures of the Management Board;
- Defining in the Internal Terms and Regulations the procedures to involve into the Management Board activities the experience gained and the obligations undertaken in the ERTMS, TEN-T and RNE networks connected to the lines covered by the Corridor;
- Operating the Management Board as laid down in the Regulation;
- Setting up of the Advisory Groups as prescribed in the Regulation;
- Keeping active relation with the Executive Board and the Advisory Groups of Corridor 7;
- Handling confidentially all information shared in the framework of the above described cooperation, and not to share them with third party without approval of the members of the Management Board.

V. Primary tasks to define the operating conditions of the MB

The following tasks need to be completed by the given deadlines in harmony with point IV:

- Determining the legal form of the MB

Responsible organizations: members of the MB

Deadline: 14th October 2011

- Approval of the Internal Terms and Regulations of the MB

Responsible organizations: members of the MB

Deadline: 15th November 2011

- Setting up of the Advisory Groups

Responsible organizations: members of the MB

Deadline: 16th December 2011

Work of the members of the MB during completion of these tasks shall be coordinated by the MÁV Hungarian State Railways Co. until the approval of the Internal Terms and Regulations of the Management Board.

VI. Contact details

The following people shall keep contact on behalf of the members of the Management Board. In case of change in the contact details each member shall inform every other member in writing about the new contact details, without the need to modify present MoU.

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VII. **Duration of the MoU**

Present Memorandum of Understanding enters into force on the date when it is signed by every Signatory, and shall be effective for an undetermined period.

Present MoU may be modified any time by written agreement of the Parties.

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