

DHL to move 676 rail coaches from Hungary to Egypt

DHL Industrial Projects will be managing the end-to-end transport of 676 railway coaches from the production site in Dunakeszi, Hungary, to Egypt within a period of 32 months.



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The coaches, each weighing 48 tons and measuring 24.5 metres in length, as well as 4.5 metres in height, will be packaged for export and transported via rail to the port of Koper, Slovenia, where DHL is integrating the cargo via its charter carriers. From there DHL will deliver the cargo via sea directly onto the railway network at the port of Alexandria in Egypt.

The Egyptian National Railway is the backbone of passenger transport in Egypt – carrying an estimated 500-million passengers annually. “This is a milestone development for Egypt – a much anticipated rejuvenation of the public rail network system which is an essential part of our everyday lives,” said Magued Ragheb, country manager, DHL Global Forwarding, Egypt.

The coaches are manufactured by the Hungarian company Dunakeszi Járműjavító Kft, owned by TMH International AG and Magyar Vagon Zrt on behalf of the Egyptian National Railways and are part of the final batch of an order of 1,300 coaches from 2018.

The production of coaches in Dunakeszi will be gradually ramped up to reach 25 vehicles per month by mid-2021 and with the first cargo due to be transported within the first quarter of 2021. The size of the coaches presents a particular challenge

in ensuring delivery via sea and rail freight.

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