

## Logwin transports Russia's largest sawmill to Lake Baikal

**Grevenmacher (Luxembourg)** – Long-distance transportation in a class of its own: between July and September 2008 Logwin shipped Russia's largest and most modern sawmill from the manufacturer in Bavaria to its destination in Irkutsk. The entire plant weighed a total of 1,500 tonnes, and the heavy load covered a total distance of some 8,000 kilometres, including a stretch with the Trans-Siberian Railway. The customer was Esterer WD GmbH (EWD) in Bavaria.

For the heavy load transport the Logwin business segment Road + Rail used 60 specially converted open-top containers as well as five special waggons for oversized components, the heaviest of which alone weighed 18 tonnes. The shipment included a high-performance profiling unit, a flexible band saw and circular saw unit as well as around 140 metres of electrical cabinets. The transport started out at EWD's factory in southern Bavaria. The journey continued from Salzburg and Krems (loading point for oversized shipments) with Rail Cargo Austria to Chop in Ukraine. This is where the consignment had to be transhipped onto Russian rail waggons due to the changeover from normal to broad gauge. The destination was Ust-Kut in the Irkutsk region on Lake Baikal.

Logwin assumed responsibility for all transportation planning: Road + Rail staff arranged for the equipment to be collected by truck and flat-bed trailer, organised interim storage at container terminals and supplied the special containers and waggons for rail transportation. Whereas the waggons made the journey together in a single train, the containers were transported by rail in several batches (container groups). Owing to the oversized parts, the waggons had to be left open for the journey and were covered only with tarpaulins. Logwin took special security measures due to the high value of the sawmill machinery: Russian security forces accompanied the shipment from Ukraine in a passenger carriage. The customer, EWD, is located in Altötting in Bavaria and is regarded as one of the world's leading manufacturers of sawmills equipment. When the plant is finished in Ust-Kut it will be used to process mainly pine and spruce with trunk diameters ranging from 14 to 80 centimetres. It is likely to take six months to assemble the sawmill, and putting it into full operation will require approximately six weeks more.

**About Logwin AG**

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