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## **GB Railfreight supports new report showing the vital contribution that rail freight makes to the UK economy**

Today sees the publication of a report into the economic, environmental and social benefits to come from rail freight. The report, "Keeping the Lights on and the Traffic Moving", based on analysis by KPMG, is published by the Rail Delivery Group (RDG).

In response John Smith, Managing Director of GB Railfreight and a member of the RDG, said:

*"This report reiterates the vital contribution that rail freight makes to the UK economy: delivering goods, helping to build new infrastructure, servicing our railways and removing lorries from the roads.*

*"The opportunity is there to double the size of the sector over the next three years and we are committed to delivering this growth.*

*"At a time when the roads are congested and the Government is investing heavily in our railways – including HS2 – rail freight is a sustainable answer to keeping the UK's economy moving for decades to come.*

The report can be downloaded online here: <http://www.raildeliverygroup.com/wp-content/uploads/file/Keeping%20the%20lights%20on%20and%20the%20traffic%20moving.pdf>