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**Comments from LKAB to the green paper COM(2009) 44, TEN-T:
A Policy review**

LKAB is an international high-tech minerals group located in the very north of Sweden. Our two iron ore mines and six pelletizing plants are situated north of the Arctic circle, and our harbours are in Narvik, Norway, and Luleå, Sweden.

LKAB has about 3800 employees and consists of about 30 companies in 15 countries. Our main business is to produce iron ore products for the steel industry. Deliveries 2008 totalled 23 Million tonnes. We supply twelve per cent of the iron ore used in Western Europe outside Sweden, and forty per cent of iron ore pellets.

We transport our iron ore products by rail to our two harbours. The harbour in Luleå handles the deliveries to our customers in the Baltic Sea region, mainly Sweden and Finland. The harbour in Narvik takes care of our deliveries to the rest of our European customers and our markets outside Europe, mainly North Africa and the Middle East.

The long distances and the remoteness from the major markets put stringent demands on transport multimodality with regard to freight but also people. The coastal region around the Gulf of Bothnia and the Orefields in Northern Sweden contains a number of industrial plants that are of European significance. Northern Sweden currently stands for ninety per cent of the extraction of iron ore in the EU. In order to maintain a leading role against our non-European competitors, LKAB is depending on good connections to strategic intermodal nodes like terminals and harbors that deliver our goods to the European market.

Against this background, LKAB would like to take this opportunity to state our support for the contribution of the Norrbotten Chamber of Commerce in regard to the green paper COM(2009) 44, TEN-T: A Policy review.

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