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To customers and partners

During the latest couple of weeks there has been some noise and articles in Norwegian newspapers about social dumping and cabotage regarding Blomquist Trucking (BT), situated in Slovakia. BT is providing trucking services to European clients across Europe.

The Norwegian labour union, Postkom, organizing blue collar workers in Norway Post have claimed that BT are being used by Norway Post to transport and distribute Postal services within Norway and by doing that actively are doing cabotage in Norway. They also claim that the truck drivers do not have regulated and acceptable working conditions, working for a State owned company.

Martin Luptak managing director of BT has rejected and regretted the information in the articles as completely wrong and without any substance in the way BT's business has been or is being operated. Luptak underline that BT is not doing any cabotage in Norway, the truck drivers are working under both legal and regulated terms of European conditions and with labour contracts with BT in Slovakia. BT in Slovakia is certified by European standards for quality ISO 9001, environment ISO 14 001, safety management OHSAS 18 001 and safety assurance of food transport HACCP. BT operation is strictly following these standards and rules. Most of the drivers come from the east Europe. BT s operation is based on Euro class 5 trucks provided by DAF, and a computerised tracking and communication system (Com Log) which provides full historic tracking and communication to the operational call center in Slovakia 24 hours a day. This **is not at all** social dumping underlines Mr. Luptak. He continues, yes, BT is providing services to Bring companies based on market prices and in competition with other trucking providers. BT is not owned by the state of Norway, but by Blomquist Eiendom AS and indirectly Norway Post AS and has its own board of directors.

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