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## Rectification of the article 'A guided tour of Inspection Land' with respect to Deutsche Bahn AG, published in Strukton Rail's magazine 'About Railways' no 12 / 2008

Dear reader,

The last issue of Strukton Rail's magazine 'About Railways, no 12 / 2008 contained the article 'A guided tour of Inspection Land' of Eurailsout. Unfortunately, some statements in that article turn out to be wrong and ambiguous. The article has therefore been skipped in the digital version of the magazine.

Eurailsout wishes to rectify and apologise for the incorrect statements. The statement that Deutsche Bahn is shielding off the market and only grants access to new technologies from independent parties once DB has acquired them for itself, is not correct. Although Deutsche Bahn conducts a large part of the inspection runs by itself, the need for inspection runs that cannot be performed by DB Netz AG itself is put out for tender in a transparent, fair and open way. Techniques that are not available within DB itself, such as corrugation measurement, are also tendered and awarded in the market.

Also the statement that Eurailsout is ahead of DB AG in terms of technology and that they are keen to learn from us is not correct. On the contrary, it was DB AG that initiated the eddy-current examination of rails referred to in the article and made this technique ready for use. Eurailsout was able to take advantage of this development initiated by Deutsche Bahn.

We wish to apologise for the incorrect statements to Deutsche Bahn.

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