

18RHL – Rhineland

Rules for Alternative Starting Package

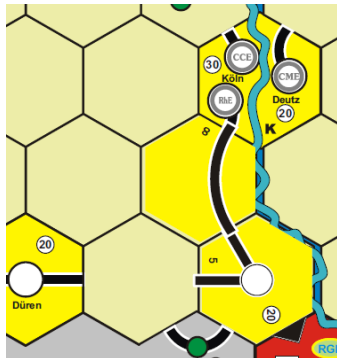
1. Introduction

The 'Alternative Starting Package' contains five new private companies. These work on the same principle as the private companies in the base game. This means that once purchased, they cannot be resold. Instead, the owners may assign the specific function of a private company, during an operation round, to a railway corporation of which they are director.

2. Preparations

In addition to the game preparations of the base game, the following steps still have to do:

- Use the new 'Alternative Starting Package' sheet
 - o Use the private company certificates stated on this sheet.
 - o Place the two 'RGE' token on private certificate no. 3
 - o Place the director certificate of the CME on the bottom box
- Place the overlays for the hexes E10, E12 and G12 onto the corresponding map hexes. The text has to have the same orientation as the other text on the map.
- Place the white wooden token with an 'L' on hex E12.
- Add the track tiles #1910 and #1911 with the code RA to the tile mix
- Add the track tiles #1960 and #1961 with the code RS to the tile mix
- Lay three 10% certificates of the CME into the bank pool.
- Place the CME stock price token onto the starting stock market value space '70'.
- Move 210 Mark halfway below the map board at the off-board destination field 'Östliches Ruhrgebiet'
- Build a track link from Köln to Bonn by using yellow tiles only.



3. The New Private Companies

No. 1 Angertalbahn

=> additional tile placement on hex E12

The private no. 1 reserves the first tile placement on hex E12. After the start of the green phase, the owning player, when acting as director of a railway corporation, may place a tile on hex E12 without paying the terrain costs. The tile lay is in addition to the railway corporation's normal tile placement. The reservation expires with the purchase of the first type 5 train.

No. 2 Mungsten Bridge

=> free upgrade of hex G12

The private no. 2 reserves the upgrade of hex G12 to green. After the start of the green phase, the owning player, when acting as the director of a railway corporation may place the green tile # 1990 on hex G12 without costs. This tile placement is the railway corporation's only tile lay during this operating round. The acting railway corporation may build a station there, directly after the tile placement at full costs.

When building a station token during a later turn, the railway corporation must have an available route to the station place.

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No. 3 Rheingold Contract

=> free Rheingold station token

After the start the green phase, the owning player may assign the **RGE** token to a railway corporation when acting as its director. Place one RGE token on the railway corporation's charter and the other on a Metropolis hex, but not on a station place. When the railway corporation runs a type 8-train, the RGE token on the metropolis hex granted a free passage through this hex when all station places there occupied by other railway corporations' station tokens. It also provides a route income for a type 8-train.

The RGE token is an additional station token for the owning railway corporation. However, its function is limited to a type 8-train. A RGE token not assigned to a railway corporation after the purchase of the first type 5-train, must assigned immediately to a railway corporation where the owner is director.

The private no. 4 is closes after the placement of the tokens.

No. 4 Krupp Steel Works

=> station build on hex D13

The private no. 3 entitled to a free station building on hex D13 (Essen), when there is at least a yellow track tile placed. Use the railway corporation's station token with the lowest cost. When all station places already occupied, place the new station token adjacent to the other station tokens. This additional station token connects to all track on the tile.

A free station token placed adjacent to occupied station places, it will move automatically to a new station place that appears due to an upgrade of hex D13.

No.5 Aachen Mining District

=> free ADR 10% stock certificate

The private no. 5 comes together with a 10% stock certificate of the ADR. When the ADR floats, it will receive the stock price value for this certificate into its treasury

There is no special function.

4. Other Changes

Off-board Destination Tokens

Placing a station token on off-board destination costs 50% more!

Lime Quarry Bonus

The Lime Quarry on hex **E10** provides an additional route bonus. Any steel mill location included in the same income route as the lime quarry will provide a bonus of 10 Mark per steel mill location.

Example: An income route contains one coalmine, two steel mills and the lime quarry during the green phase. The bonus is as follows: 20 Mark for lime quarry and two steel mills plus 20 Mark for one coalmine and one steel mill; total 40 Mark.

5. Variant Options

It is possible to mix the private companies of the base game with those of the alternative starting package. Chose one private certificate of each number.