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Swisslog awarded major order for logistics center

German Gries Deco Company commissions Swisslog as general contractor

Buchs/Aarau, 1 July 2011 – Gries Deco Company, a leading retailer focusing on living accessories, gifts and furniture, has commissioned Swisslog as general contractor to design and implement its new “VZ Greenfield” logistics center. The order volume amounts to approx. MEUR 85 (approx. MCHF 100).

The new logistics center is aimed at creating the logistics preconditions for GDC's expansion plans and will replace the existing distribution center in Niedernberg (Bavaria). As general contractor, Swisslog will provide a turnkey, expandable facility on a surface area of 150 000m² that includes a 40m high-bay warehouse with 12 aisles and approx. 110 000 pallet locations, among other things.

Swisslog's services encompass the design, realization, and start-up support of the new facility, including its construction and the installation of all materials handling equipment. Swisslog will implement the proven CaddyPick monorail concept (with 120 caddies), conveyor systems and pallet stacker cranes as well as the software and control systems. Moreover, Swisslog will be responsible for the overall integration of the systems.

“This order is testimony to Swisslog’s capability of delivering ideal solutions for its customers’ current and future needs,” explains Daniel Fink, President of Swisslog’s Warehouse & Distribution Solutions division. Gries Deco Company was also impressed by Swisslog’s strong planning and realization expertise in both the construction and logistics areas. Construction is expected to start in September 2011 and the logistics center planned to be operational by spring 2013.

Calendar

16 August 2011: Publication 2011 Half-Year Result

13 March 2012: Publication 2011 Annual Result

18 April 2012: General Meeting of Shareholders 2012

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About Swisslog

Swisslog is a global provider of integrated logistics solutions for warehouses, distribution centers and hospitals. Its comprehensive services portfolio ranges from building complex warehouses and distribution centers to implementing Swisslog's own software and technology to intra-company logistics solutions for hospitals.

Swisslog's solutions optimize customers' production, logistics and distribution processes in order to increase flexibility, responsiveness and quality of service while minimizing logistics costs. With years of experience in the development and implementation of integrated logistics solutions, Swisslog provides the expertise that customers in more than 50 countries around the world rely on.

Headquartered in Buchs/Aarau, Switzerland, Swisslog currently employs over 2 000 staff in 20 countries worldwide. The group's parent company, Swisslog Holding AG, is listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange (security number: 1232462, Telekurs: SLOG, Reuters: SLOG.S). Swisslog refers to an order as a "major order" if its financial volume exceeds the threshold of MCHF 20.

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