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Swisslog Awarded Carrier-Tracking Patent

Company's robust patent portfolio underscores commitment to ongoing technology development on behalf of clients

DENVER, Colo. (August 17, 2011) – Swisslog, a leading provider of automated materials transport and medication management solutions for hospitals, today announced that the United States Patent and Trademark Office has issued patent number 7,953,515 for its method of using radio frequency identification (RFID) technology to track carriers in a pneumatic tube system (PTS).

A carrier is a reusable polycarbonate container that holds and protects small medical items sent through a PTS.

The patent, entitled "System and Method for Carrier Identification in a Pneumatic Tube System," was issued in May 2011. The patented method states that each carrier be equipped with an RFID chip. As the carrier moves throughout the PTS, antennas read and/or write identification information onto the chip. This information is used to track the carrier, monitoring its progress and confirming its identity as it moves to its destination.

"Swisslog is pleased the U.S. Patent Office has recognized the creative and innovative aspects of our products, systems and services. We have a significant commitment to technology development on behalf of our clients. This addition to our patent portfolio underscores that commitment and our capabilities," said Charlie Kegley, president of Swisslog Healthcare Solutions North America. "We have a long tradition of providing our customers with innovative solutions to their logistics challenges. This patent, along with others we have received through the years, helps assure that Swisslog is the best partner for our healthcare customers' long-term and emerging needs."

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[Swisslog Healthcare Solutions](#) is the leading supplier of logistics automation solutions for healthcare facilities. Swisslog has installed [automated materials transport](#) and [medication management systems](#) in more than 3,000 hospitals around the world, including more than 2,000 in North America. Swisslog offers total systems design, manufacturing, installation and customer support providing a complete supply chain management approach to the logistics challenges of hospitals. The North American division of Swisslog Healthcare Solutions is based in Denver, Colo.

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 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 rely on.

Headquartered in Buchs/Aarau, Switzerland, Swisslog currently employs over 2,000 staff in about 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). For more information, visit www.swisslog.com.

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The logo for Swisslog, featuring the word "swisslog" in a lowercase, sans-serif font. The letters are a dark red color. The "i" and "s" are connected, and the "o" is a simple circle. The "l" is a simple vertical bar. The "g" has a small tail. The logo is positioned at the bottom right of the page.