

Logwin puts new logistics centre in Slovakia into operation

Grevenmacher (Luxembourg) – The logistics service provider Logwin put a new logistics terminal in Senec near Bratislava into operation at the end of October. Logwin will initially be using 5,000 square metres of logistics area in the newly built multi-user logistics centre. This area can be increased up to a total of 10,000 square metres at short notice, if needed. Thanks to its geographical location, the terminal will perform an important function as cross-docking centre.

The new site in Senec replaces the old facility in Bratislava 25 kilometres away. It is conveniently situated for transport near the D1 motorway in the direction of Trnava/Trenčín, one of the country's main traffic arteries. "Senec is of major strategic importance in our European network" explains Andreas Kerschner, Director at the business unit Fashion in the Logwin business segment Solutions in Austria. "The location is the central gateway for Slovakia and for freight transportation to Austria, Czech Republic, Poland, Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria." The facility is equipped with advanced IT systems for warehouse management, shipment tracking and supply chain management. Construction began in early 2008 and relocation was completed on November 1. Logwin currently employs 20 staff there.

New location, new brand, more service

Parallel to the opening of the new site, the logistics service provider presented itself for the first time in Slovakia under the new Logwin brand. The company had previously been known under the names Birkart, Proxar and Welz. In Senec, customers have access to the full range of services offered by the business segments Solutions, Air + Ocean and Road + Rail. Besides the classic freight handling service, core competencies extend to special value-added services including national distribution. The latest example is the customer Einhell, a manufacturer of DIY, professional and garden tools. At Senec, Logwin is assuming responsibility on behalf of Einhell for storage, picking, labelling and nationwide delivery to retailers.

Another area of focus in future will be textile logistics: the location is integrated into the pan-European garments-on-hanger network and now offers the complete range of services for fashion logistics such as labelling, garment tagging, pressing and repackaging, in addition to national distribution. The organisation of international air and ocean freight transportation rounds off the range of Logwin services provided at Senec.

On location in Senec, Haniska and Ruzomberok

Logwin has been operating in Slovakia since 1992. The company employs a total of 60 staff in Senec, Ruzomberok and Haniska near Kosice. The locations provide full-service logistics, national geographic coverage as well as grouped freight shipments and full truckload transportation. Haniska is the gateway for transports from and to Russia and the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS); this is where transshipment occurs from European normal gauge to Russian broad gauge waggons and vice versa.

Customers in Slovakia come mainly from the consumer goods sector. From its Ruzomberok location, for example, Logwin organises the European-wide transportation for the Mondi Group, a company in the paper industry, from Russia all the way to Spain. "Consumption in Slovakia will continue to grow, and this will lead to increased demand for modern distribution logistics", according to Andreas Kerschner. "We are also experiencing increased demand from the automotive industry. We are rising to the challenge of this development with the expansion of our logistics capacity in Slovakia."

About Logwin AG

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The business segment Solutions stands for contract logistics within Logwin AG. Solutions offers individual customer- and industry-oriented solutions ranging from supply chain management and warehousing through logistical value-added services through to complete outsourcing projects. The business segment has a high level of competence in process management and the development of bespoke IT solutions. The close network with the business segments Air + Ocean and Road + Rail enables multi-modal transport solutions to be realised quickly and efficiently.

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