

## **Logwin extends services for Aldi in Switzerland**

**Grevenmacher (Luxembourg)** - The logistics service provider Logwin will be operating for the new Aldi distribution centre in Domdidier situated in the west of Switzerland, in the area of transportation, beginning in autumn 2008. In January this year Logwin had already increased the area devoted to perishable logistics at the Pratteln location by expanding its cold storage area from 2,000 square metres to 4,500 square metres. As a result, Logwin now boasts one of the largest cold storage capacities in Switzerland.

Logwin has been working for Aldi ever since the discount supermarket chain entered the Swiss market in 2005. The logistics company performs services for the retail chain as warehousing, picking and transportation including quality control for incoming and outgoing goods. The number of Aldi Suisse stores has grown from four in October 2005 to 70, and more new stores are planned. The new distribution centre in Domdidier is Aldi's third logistics centre in Switzerland.

"We work around the clock 365 days a year to supply the 70 stores with fresh produce", says Claudio Plozza, who heads the perishable logistics area in the Logwin business segment Solutions in Switzerland. The handling time is correspondingly short: the logistics experts process several hundred pallets a day, the various types of produce making different demands on transportation and storage.

### **Cool supply chain for food**

The continuous cooling of temperature-sensitive produce is especially important for all food-industry customers. The requirement for compliance with high-quality standards is a close and trusting cooperation between Logwin and its customers. "We perform store delivery for some of our customers completely independently", explains Claudio Plozza. "As we also have special authorization to deliver sensitive foods at night and on public holidays, our drivers often operate wholly independently. They unload the goods from the truck and place them in the cold store or at other designated places at the customer's premises." At Logwin's perishable logistics locations in Switzerland there are currently in operation a total of 79 drivers, 40 warehouse staff and 29 specialists (scheduling/administration/management).

**35 temperature zones for customised solutions**

As part of its perishable logistics Logwin offers its customers an "electronic order book" allowing day-to-day store requirement to be determined. A data interface permits the transfer of customer orders to Logwin swiftly and directly. As the orders are received, specialists check to determine which goods are in stock and which need to be ordered from the supplier. A modern warehouse management application assures the continuous adjustment of stock levels. Prior to transportation to the stores, Logwin staff picks out the produce according to customer-specific requirement for packaging, labelling and bundling. They also perform quality checks on incoming produce and outgoing shipments. Besides meeting legal regulations, they also observe customer-specific quality standards. "We are responsible for all kinds of perishable produce", says Claudio Plozza.

"From fruit and vegetables via dairy products, meat and cold meats or pre-cooked meals right through to bread and flowers. Our cold storage can therefore be divided up into 35 different temperature zones, which means that all produce can be stored under exactly the right conditions, also in respect of humidity and produce compatibility." Deliveries are made in temperature-controlled trucks with two separate temperature zones.

**About Logwin AG**

As an external partner, Logwin AG, Grevenmacher (Luxembourg), develops a comprehensive range of logistics and service solutions for trade and industry. In 2007, the group generated sales of 2.0 billion euros and currently employs approximately 8,600 staff in 44 countries. Logwin operates in all main markets worldwide and has over 400 locations across all continents. With its three business segments Solutions (customer-oriented contract logistics), Air + Ocean (global air and ocean freight forwarding activities) and Road + Rail (land and special transportation activities in Central, Western and Eastern Europe), Logwin is one of the market leaders.

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 outpouring 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 enable multi-modal transport solutions to be realised quickly and efficiently.

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