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VOS LOGISTICS AND BOLSIUS EXTEND LOGISTICS COOPERATION UNTIL 2015

• Focus on sustainability through adaptation of European Distribution Centre and environmentally-friendly solutions

European logistics service provider Vos Logistics has won an international tender to operate a European Distribution Centre (EDC) for Bolsius, one of Europe's largest producers of candles. Bolsius has been working with Vos Logistics since 1998 and this new contract will extend the cooperation in the field of logistics services until 2015, with an option for a further five years until 2020.

Sustainability is an important pillar of the new contract. CO₂ reduction and cost savings will go hand in hand. Bolsius will increase the height of its pallets at its production facility and Vos Logistics will adapt the EDC in Helmond to store higher and heavier pallets. The adaptations will not only increase storage efficiency but also the efficiency of transport to and from the EDC. Vos Logistics will also be responsible for handling and packing shop displays. The warehouse will be enlarged with 900 m² of dispatch space with ten loading and unloading platforms. Vos Logistics' shared user EDC in Helmond will have a total capacity of 30,000 m², two-thirds of which will be used for Bolsius.

Vos Logistics and Bolsius are also exploring avenues to use an ecocombi, possibly in combination with an LNG truck for transport from Bolsius's factory in Boxmeer to Vos Logistics' EDC in Helmond. By using the ecocombi, Vos Logistics will reduce the number of transport moves for Bolsius by 35%.

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Vos Logistics is a specialist in a wide range of transport and customer-specific logistics services. Through a network of 30 locations, the company is active throughout Europe. With 2,000 employees, it operates some 1,100 vehicles, 3,000 loading units and 200,000 m² of storage space.

Within Logistic Services customer-specific logistics solutions are offered: from forwarding, warehousing and value added services and distribution to full supply chain solutions in which Vos Logistics assumes the management of its customers' goods flows in full or in part. In the bulk and volume transport markets, Vos Logistics is one of the largest road hauliers in Europe. The strength of the company lies in its combination of a Europe-wide network, advanced ICT systems and focus on quality and service.