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LOCAL LOGISTICS COMPANY JOINS AWARD WINNING GROUP

Switch International, the Andover based logistics company has recently been acquired by the South Wales based TWT Logistics Group.

Both Switch and TWT were established on the proud traditions of privately owned business, with a strong appreciation of a quality service and value for money. Switch and TWT combined, have over 50 years experience in the transportation industry but have successfully retained the ethos of delivering innovation, quality and value.

As part of the TWT Logistics Group, Switch will continue to offer its traditionally high quality service but as a result of the acquisition is now capable of providing the same exacting standards over a much larger geographic territory by utilising the TWT network of operations.

Switch International was originally established in 1970 by Stephen Barlow to provide customs clearance and freight forwarding services for a Dutch based company. In 1994 Switch was a



founding member of Palletways, the fast freight distribution network, expanding its UK operations to be one of the largest UK freight distributors.

Since the takeover in February 2006 the TWT Logistics Group has already invested over £250,000 developing Switch International. The vehicle fleet has been increased and the introduction of cutting edge technology means further enhancements to customer service. To signify the new developments the corporate image has been modernised to incorporate elements of both organisations identity and heritage. These major investments will help the business maintain and continually develop exceptional transportation solutions for it's extensive client base.

After careful deliberation by the senior management team, it was decided the long term needs of the business would be met most effectively by Switch joining Pall-Ex, the award winning distribution network. This now makes the TWT Logistics Group the largest Pall-Ex member.

The Pall-EX hub operation in Leicestershire, is the first purpose built hub operation in its business sector. In 2003 Trevor Taylor, the Managing Director of TWT was instrumental in the development of the revolutionary Pall-Ex hub operation and the TWT Logistics Group now moves in excess of 100,000 pallets of freight per annum via this operation.



Trevor Taylor, Managing Director of the TWT Logistics Group said of the Switch International acquisition “We have seen unprecedented growth over the last four years and needed to expand our area of operations. Switch International was an ideal fit in terms of its service provision, quality culture and the geographical location is an added bonus. We look forward to working together as part of the Pall-Ex network”



Steve Barlow, of Switch International said “ Becoming part of TWT is a new challenge for us, but I have a great team of people and we are looking forward to the potential for growth and success that being part of the Pall-Ex network will bring”

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About The TWT Logistics Group

Since its inception in the late 1980's TWT has specialised in delivering time critical freight on time, every time. TWT operates a diverse fleet of vehicles supplied by a wide range of manufactures to meet the specific needs of its customers. The company now operates from its [fifteen-acre Headquarters](#) in South Wales with over 100,000 square feet of warehousing and offices as well as purpose built workshop facilities. As a result of its network of strategic partnerships, similar services and facilities are also available at over 100 locations across the UK. The extensive fleet of vehicles TWT operates works in a highly effective manner to complement the company's membership of Pall-Ex - the No.1 Pallet Network which TWT joined in 2001. The combination of in-house transportation and Network Pallet services delivers an unrivalled Express Pallet Delivery service. www.twt-logistics.com

About Pall-Ex

Pall-Ex was established in 1996 by Hilary Devey to deliver small consignments of palletised freight cost-effectively throughout the UK. Celebrating its tenth anniversary this year, the company has grown to become the UK's largest operator of a palletised "hub and spoke" freight network, with 100 depot locations throughout the UK and Europe and a purpose-built £12M hub in Leicestershire. Pall-Ex offers a comprehensive range of pallet storage and delivery solutions, with access to over 6,500 vehicles and over five million square feet of warehousing in the UK and Europe. It also supports the industry's charity, Transaid, with its 'Penny-A-Pallet' scheme.

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