



Expansion of road logistics network in France

With a newly built hub in Chaponnay to the southeast of Lyon, Kuehne + Nagel is expanding its road logistics network in France. The state-of-the-art facility, which officially opened in September 2010, serves as a transshipment platform for the Group's growing activities in the fields of domestic and European groupage.

Since Kuehne + Nagel took over the French groupage specialist Alloin, effective January 1, 2009, it has continually extended and optimised its road logistics capabilities in France. The Chaponnay site is ideally located for the collection and the delivery of goods in the south of Lyon, one of the country's most dynamic economic areas. Through Kuehne + Nagel's groupage network the facility is linked to all French regions by 33 overnight shuttle services. Featuring 56 loading and unloading bays, a 220 metre long circular sub-floor conveyor chain, video surveillance and modern

labelling systems the new 6,400 square metres logistics platform is geared to ensure fast and secure freight handling and high process efficiency.

In line with the sustainable development management policy it has pursued for several years, Kuehne + Nagel has deliberately adopted a low consumption and alternative energy generation concept for these new premises. Among else, the distinctively designed building has a single-sloping roof equipped with 6,000 square metres of photovoltaic cells.

Chairman Klaus-Michael Kuehne, who opened the new facility together with his wife Christine in the presence of many guests, said: "The inauguration of this new facility in the important Lyon area is a further step in our strategy to significantly extend our road logistics activities in France. At the same time this new hub demonstrates the smooth merger of two companies which complement each other. The successful integration of Alloin's groupage network into Kuehne + Nagel's existing structures has consid-



erably improved our capability to provide customer-oriented door-to-door services, based on standardised IT systems and processes."

Joel Moebel (left), Regional Director Southwest Europe, cuts the tape at the opening ceremony together with Christine and Klaus-Michael Kuehne.



Third ground-breaking ceremony in Duisburg *logport*

With a new construction phase, Kuehne + Nagel is adding approximately 28,000 square metres to its warehousing facilities in Duisburg *logport*. The company expects to start operations in the new distribution centre for a large customer from the consumer healthcare industry as of May 2011.

The *duisport*, located at the confluence of the Ruhr and Rhine, is Europe's biggest inland port. It lies at the intersection of the principal north-south and east-west axes, and is therefore ideally placed to reach markets all over Europe. Kuehne + Nagel has already been present since 2003 in the associated *logport*, from where it provides integrated logistics solutions for a number of international customers. A first extension to the facilities in response to growing demand already went into service in 2008.

At the ground-breaking ceremony to mark the beginning of the third construction phase in October 2010, Hans-Georg Brinkmann, Managing Director of the German Kuehne + Nagel organisation and Regional Manager Central Europe, explained: "Duisburg has proven

itself as a central European logistics hub. Renowned multinational customers benefit here from our tailor-made contract logistics solutions and innovative distribution concepts. Including the new facility we will have

150,000 square metres of warehousing space under management."

The newly acquired site with an area of 65,000 square metres borders directly on Kuehne + Nagel's existing premises in the *logport* area and offers an additional 14,000 square metres for future expansion. Approximately 100 new jobs will be created in Duisburg.

Erich Staake, Duisburg Hafen AG Chief Executive Officer, confirmed: "Kuehne + Nagel has significantly contributed to the development of the Port of Duisburg into one of the leading international logistics hubs. This commitment underlines Duisburg's importance in Kuehne + Nagel's worldwide network and is a further testimony to the value of long-term cooperation on a basis of mutual confidence."

Symbolic ground-breaking (from left): port director Erich Staake, mayor Adolf Sauerland, Hans-Georg Brinkmann and Walter Hellmich, managing partner of the Hellmich Group.

