

Dachser builds a European Hub for food in Erlensee

Kempton/Erlensee, July 25, 2014. Global logistics service provider Dachser is making a new investment in Erlensee (Main-Kinzig District of Hesse). The company is erecting a European Food Shipment Hub with a total surface of 70,000 square meters in Landendiebach. The total investment is some 25 million euros.

Dachser has been represented in Erlensee since 2012 by its Frankfurt-Ost logistics center, where groupage shipments are transshipped. With construction to begin in September 2014, Dachser Food Logistics will soon have a new facility, built at a former airbase in Langendiebach.

The new location is conveniently located near Highway A 66, and in the fall of 2015 it will take over from the facility located in Offenbach. "We are pleased that a majority of the 160 employees working for us in Offenbach will follow us the 19 kilometers to Erlensee. In the medium term, we will also create 40 new jobs," says Branch Manager Mathias Oetter.

The Offenbach Branch Office is the Dachser Food Logistics base for the Rhine-Main district and also serves as a central national food transshipment platform. Domestic shipments travel through the hub to reach their goal within 24 hours. The Offenbach facility, however, has no room to grow. Erlensee will replace it with expanded capacity for the rising volumes of inbound and outbound shipments as well as serving as an expanded hub. The new building includes a double-spanned 8,500 square meter transfer hall, cooled to between +2 and +7 degrees Celsius. In a second phase, the usable area can be expanded by another 3,000 square meters. 87 trucks can be simultaneously loaded or unloaded. In addition, a 2,500 square meter office building, a filling station, and a truck washing facility are being built. By integrating truck parking spaces, public parking areas can be left free.

"With this new facility, we are expanding the existing transfer node for German branch offices into a European hub for trans-border food shipments by all partners of the European Food Network," notes Alfred Miller, Managing Director, Dachser Food Logistics. The new branch office will thus not only be an important hub for Dachser's European Food Logistics facilities but also a core component of the European Food

Network founded in 2013 by twelve partners. By using the additional bays and transfer areas being constructed as part of the new platform, some 26 countries can now be interconnected and transfer procedures and shipping times shortened.