

EUROGATE REINTRODUCES SERVICES TO BALTIC STATES

Leading freight forwarder Eurogate Logistics has stepped up its connections between the UK and the Baltic States by reintroducing a weekly groupage service in each direction.

Linking Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia with Eurogate's UK sites in Glasgow, Bradford, Hinckley and Thurrock, the service is operating in tandem with the company's existing full-load and part-load provision.

Eurogate's operations director James Moody said the initial response to the new service had "exceeded expectations".

"We've operated in the Baltic States for more than 25 years but in 2008 we took the decision to stop running our own scheduled services after the region was particularly hard-hit by the recession," he explained.

"However, with the region's economy gaining strength and demand rising, we felt it was time to reintroduce them and we've been proved right – the reaction in the first month has been overwhelmingly positive."

Depot-to-depot transit times are three to four days and onward distribution and collection throughout Russia and CIS can also be arranged.

Mr Moody added: "The Baltics are important destinations in their own right, but their proximity to Russia and CIS – including cities such as St Petersburg, Moscow and Minsk - makes the new routes additionally attractive to exporters and importers. We envisage the new service going from strength to strength."

Eurogate Logistics operates 19 offices in eight countries including Russia, Hungary and the Czech Republic. Committed to growing its global business, this latest development follows the recent expansion of its Polish groupage services beyond Warsaw with the introduction of direct routes to the cities of Gdansk, Poznan and Rzeszow.

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NOTES - Established in 1990, Eurogate Logistics employs 175 people across a network of 19 offices and has a turnover of 65 million euros.