

Menlo Extends its Capacity in Belgium

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Menlo Worldwide Logistics (Menlo), the global logistics subsidiary of Con-way Inc. (NYSE: CNW) continues its expansion of distribution centres (DCs) across Europe with the establishment of a 16,000 sqm facility at Genk, Belgium. Providing warehousing, distribution and supply chain management services to a variety of manufacturing and retail industries, Menlo now operates two facilities in Belgium, with combined space of 21,000 sqm. The Genk DC has the capability to serve local customers and also to act as a supply hub for Western European markets.

The Genk distribution centre (DC) provides a wide range of receiving, inventory management, fulfilment, export shipping, distribution, returns management and supply chain control services. In particular Menlo's transport management services (TMS) and Lean philosophy are employed to implement a programme of continuous improvement within customers' international supply chains.

A typical example of such a process would be a multi-national manufacturing organization with a wide range of consumer or business-to-business products and a need to integrate and optimize its supply chain across multiple brands. Apply the resources of its multi-user facilities such as Genk, Menlo becomes a critical outsourced component of the customer's supply chain by establishing a centralized European distribution hub. The DC works in harmony with a flexible supply chain management solution that can be adapted to the customer's changing marketing and production demands.

Menlo's Genk facility is operating as a multi-user facility for companies distributing product throughout Europe and has capacity to extend its services to further users both regional and international.

"The European business community recognized early on the value of logistics outsourcing," said Tony Gunn, Menlo's Managing Director, Europe. "Our strategic operations in Genk, and our other facilities throughout Europe, provide value-added services for major manufacturers and retailers in the region. Genk is a key location for the global Menlo network."

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