

**PRESS INFO**

Kuehne + Nagel Group

Kuehne + Nagel introduces *KN EngineChain*

Certified aerospace engine logistics solution masters industry challenges

Schindellegi / CH, September 24, 2013 - At the European Aerospace MRO Conference in London, Kuehne + Nagel has launched *KN EngineChain*, an innovative end-to-end supply chain solution designed specifically for aircraft engines logistics. *KN EngineChain* ensures reliable and safe transportation and storage of engines by both certified processes and certified staff.

KN EngineChain is Kuehne + Nagel's solution to satisfy the growing need of aerospace companies for dedicated engine-handling services. "In the aerospace industry all technical work is regulated in detail by airworthiness organisations, IATA and others. With regard to engine logistics, however, the regulation wording is quite generic and needs to be aligned with the increasing asset value of aircraft engines. Therefore Kuehne + Nagel has taken the initiative by designing a tailor-made, dedicated solution with specifically defined and implemented processes and certified staff," says Erik Goedhart, Senior Vice President Aerospace with Kuehne + Nagel.

KN EngineChain is an integrated end-to-end logistics solution featuring a global infrastructure with regional dedicated competence centers, comprehensive special training programmes and engine logistics processes. All processes, interfaces and responsibilities are certified according to transparent standards integrated in Kuehne + Nagel's QSHE (Quality, Safety, Health, Environment) guidelines with standard operating procedures and working instructions. Furthermore, Kuehne + Nagel carries out assessments of road and air carriers, thus ensuring engine handling know-how and focus along the supply chain. The combination of seamless 24/7/365 global visibility, pro-active monitoring, specific expertise and certified skills of the employees will eliminate delays and damages. Optional services include GPS managed transports and storage of engines, engine tooling and engine stands.

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Frank Walschot, Senior Vice President Engine Services of SR Technics, comments: “The *KN EngineChain* initiative of Kuehne + Nagel to certify logistics staff, assess carriers for their capabilities in engine handling and transportation, and to offer end to end visibility will be a beneficial initiative for the industry. Logistics excellence is increasingly becoming a differentiator in our service offering where every second counts to match our customers’ requirements in standard and extraordinary situations. *KN EngineChain* reduces risks to a minimum while further increasing our outstanding service reliability towards our global customer base.”

Tim Scharwath, Executive Vice President Air Logistics and member of the Kuehne + Nagel Management Board commented: “*KN EngineChain* is yet another innovative Kuehne + Nagel solution demonstrating our pioneering role in the global airfreight business. As in the case of *KN PharmaChain* before, this solution also sets new standards in the industry. We are convinced that our customers will achieve competitive advantages by making full use of *KN EngineChain*.”

About Kuehne + Nagel

With over 62,500 employees at more than 1000 locations in over 100 countries, the Kuehne + Nagel Group is one of the world’s leading logistics companies. Its strong market position lies in the seafreight, airfreight, contract logistics and overland businesses, with a clear focus on providing IT-based integrated logistics solutions.

Further information can be found at www.kuehne-nagel.com