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Dascher commits £23 million as Multimodal opens with a bang

Birmingham, UK, 23rd April - Dachser announced on the eve of Multimodal that it is to invest £23 million in a major new integrated logistics centre close to its existing operation in Northampton, UK.

The company has purchased a 7 hectare freehold site on which it plans to build a 6,000 sq metre cross-dock facility and 11,000 sq metres of contract logistics warehousing, together with two-storey office accommodation over two storeys.

UK MD Nick Lowe told Multimodal the development, scheduled for completion by March 2014, was in response to the rapid increase in demand for Dachser's pan-European trailer services. "Export growth was 15% last year, closing the gap on our imports which are growing slightly more slowly. That's giving us an ideal balance between our inbound and outbound traffic and I'm pleased to say we have maintained our rate of growth in the first quarter of 2013."

Lowe added that this was a result of significant growth in market share for Dachser, since the company's analysis of trailer movements in and out of the UK indicated an increase of only 2.5% last year.

The new Northampton premises will allow Dachser to consolidate several facilities on the adjoining Brackmills industrial estate, including a cross-dock operation that will now double in size, two contract logistics warehouses and an additional storage unit on short-term rental.

Lowe said Dachser, which currently employs 140 at Northampton, would recruit 40 to 50 new personnel in the first phase. The company's plans include provision for a further 2,400 sq metres of cross-docking and 10,500 sq metres of additional warehousing, which Lowe hoped could be developed in five to six years if volumes continued to increase.

Dachser's Dartford and Rochdale operations are also handling more traffic. The company runs daily European linehauls from all three locations and has pledged to open more

offices.

With many similar announcements of infrastructure investment and new contract wins on the opening day, Multimodal 2013 looks set to be the busiest event in its six-year history as well as the biggest, with 270 exhibitors and more than 6,000 pre-registered visitors.

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About Multimodal

Multimodal is the UK and Ireland's leading freight transport and logistics exhibition, which also features a series of topical seminars and master-classes, and hosts a Shippers' Village, giving freight buyers a private space to meet logistics suppliers. The supply chain show, entering its sixth year, is free-to-attend and takes place at the Birmingham NEC April 23-25 2013. Last year saw a record number of 5,500 visitors and more than 265 exhibitors. More at www.multimodal.org.uk

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