Rhenus in Belgium: Central Location, Global Logistics

The Belgian economy is very import- and export-oriented. This is mainly due to the country's favorable geographical location and excellent infrastructure. Situated right next to the North Sea, Belgium is an important transit country. With Antwerp, it also has one of the largest and most significant seaports in the world. Goods can be shipped from this port to customers all over the European Union within just 24 hours. Eleven different companies operating at five business locations in this centrally positioned country represent the Rhenus Group.

The business locations in Antwerp, Brussels (Machelen), Mechelen, Herstal and Genk jointly provide the complete spectrum of logistic services in the business areas of Contract Logistics, Freight Logistics and Port Logistics. Customs brokerage, data archiving and high tech solutions are offered as well.

Contract Logistics

Rhenus SML nv, based in Genk, has over 20 years of experience in Contract Manufacturing (such as assembly of engine & transmission, rear- & frontaxles, cooling modules, glass…) in the automotive sector. During the past years this experience and knowledge has also been put to use for other industries. Additional logistic services, such as transport, temporary storage and final inspection are also provided, as well as additional services for the after-sales market.

Rhenus SML optimizes supply chains by providing in-plant logistics, high-quality warehousing (with customs-free zone) and value-added services.

Freight Logistics

Several companies represent this business area in Belgium: Rhenus Ocean nv, Rhenus Air Belgium nv and Rhenus Intermodal Systems nv. They provide a complete spectrum of services : goods are shipped by truck, rail, sea, and plane or on a multi-modal basis. Warehousing, transshipment, customs services and additional work like palletizing, packaging or warehouse management are also provided at the various Belgian business locations.

Within the Air & Ocean business unit, Rhenus can provide airfreight solutions for direct shipments or consolidation services. Door deliveries or local pick-ups can be arranged in cooperation with the Rhenus worldwide network. A customs approved warehouse of 15,000 m² at Brussels Airport allows for storage and customs clearance (incl. fiscal representation), where Rhenus also provides in-

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house screening possibilities. Through the worldwide Rhenus network, Rhenus Ocean is able to transport all kinds of cargo to any destination worldwide when it comes to sea freight consignments. This includes handling of all the formalities at the ports and providing pick-up and final delivery services.

Rhenus Intermodal Systems, the specialist for intermodal container shipments to many destinations around the globe, with their own fleet of containers, particularly to and from Russia and other CIS countries, has its headquarters in Belgium.

Port Logistics

This business area is represented in Belgium by Rhenus Logistics nv, based in Antwerp. This company is specialized in commodity logistics, building and optimizing the complete supply chain together with the customer. Different transport modes are combined, departing from the product that has to be handled, with all its specific needs and characteristics. Product focus is on iron & steel, (petro-)chemicals, agrifood and forest products, as well as on building & construction material.

CFNR and De Grave Antverpia use inland waterway vessels to handle domestic and international consignments of bulk goods.

The Rhenus Road department handles both complete as well as part loads.

Crossrail, the leading private railway enterprise in Europe, can provide you with rail traction services in Switzerland, Germany, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands and through several co-operations towards Poland, Hungary and Rumania. Crossrail uses one of the best and continuously improving locomotive and wagons fleet on the European railways, with the highest safety standards.

Customs Brokerage

ALS Customs Services / Rhenus Customs offers services regarding customs, excise and VAT for all Rhenus entities in Belgium as well as for external clients. Both companies are AEO-certified and meet the high quality standards of the ECC (European Customs Committee).

Services offered include import, export, transit movements, bonded warehousing, excise movements and warehousing, VAT warehousing and fiscal representation for import and export. Consultancy services for projects connected to customs, VAT and AEO certification can be provided as well.

Rhenus Midi Data

Rhenus Midi Data nv is specialized in customized transport and logistic solutions for unpacked, sensitive technical products. Rhenus Midi Data stands for extensive,

precisely planned rollouts within narrow time frames, installation services, placements as well as user training and instruction for technically sophisticated products.

Data archiving

Dockx Rhenus Archisafe nv provides external archive storage to companies, government and public bodies. This specialist comes into its own wherever sensitive information is being handled or documents need to be secured in optimal conditions. In addition to physical archiving, Scan-on-Demand is offered as well. Dockx Rhenus Archisafe's archive warehouse in Antwerp is fully protected against all risks.

About Rhenus

The Rhenus Group is one of the leading logistics specialists with global business operations and annual turnover amounting to EUR 5.4 billion. 33,500 employees work at 820 business sites and develop innovative solutions along the complete supply chain. Whether providing transport, warehousing, customs clearance or value-added services, the family business pools its operations in various business units where the needs of customers are the major focus at all times.

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