

Press release

Gebrüder Weiss develops logistics solutions for the automotive industry

Logistics provider combines many years of experience in automotive logistics / Successful partnership with Magna Steyr

Lauterach, January 29, 2018. The international transport and logistics company Gebrüder Weiss continues to expand its expertise in the area of automotive logistics. With its own Competence Cluster Automotive, the company analyzes the specific requirements of the industry and develops solutions for manufacturers, suppliers and dealers for the entire supply chain management. The range of services extends from classic warehousing, procurement and distribution logistics, including just-in-time delivery directly to the factory, and in-house logistics, to the coverage of transnational regions as a regional freight forwarder. In total, more than 70 Gebrüder Weiss branches are already working today for customers in the automotive sector.

Solutions for the entire supply chain

“Well over 10,000 different components are fitted in a vehicle today – a major challenge for international carmakers and their suppliers. With our know-how and global network of locations, we are in a position to coordinate these complex logistics processes and deliver the products ‘just in time’ to our customers’ factories,” says Alexander Slovak, Cluster Manager Automotive at Gebrüder Weiss. Different drive concepts such as electricity, biogas and hydrogen, as well as current developments in autonomous driving, are also leading to closer ties between the automotive and high-tech industries. Gebrüder Weiss also has many years of experience in this industry, meaning that it is able to harness important synergies between the logistics requirements of both industrial sectors.

Individual procurement logistics for MAGNA

Just how efficiently logistics processes function can be seen in the example of the automotive supplier Magna Steyr. Gebrüder Weiss already transports vehicle parts on its behalf from more than 400 suppliers from all over Germany to its central production location in Graz and four other Magna plants in Styria – with fixed durations and high flexibility with varying production volumes. “Transporting general cargo is demanding, because many suppliers are involved. Even just one error will disrupt the workflows and may result in

considerable extra expense. Therefore it is essential to work accurately and consistently. Gebrüder Weiss is a competent partner who knows how to solve these complex tasks and how to improve processes on a sustainable basis,” says Alfons Dachs-Wiesinger, Director Logistics Services at Magna Steyr.

About Gebrüder Weiss

With over 6,500 employees, 150 company-owned locations and an annual turnover of 1.36 billion euros (2016), Gebrüder Weiss ranks among Europe's leading transport and logistics companies. In addition to its core business of land transport, air & sea freight and logistics, the company operates a number of highly specialised industry solutions and subsidiaries under the umbrella of Gebrüder Weiss Holding AG, based in Lauterach (Austria). This includes logistics consultancy firm x|vise, tectraxx (industry specialist for hi-tech businesses), inet-logistics (software solutions for TMS transport management), dicall (communications solutions, market research, training, Rail Cargo (railway transport) and the Gebrüder Weiss parcel service GWP, co-partner of the Austrian company DPD. This bundling of services allows the corporate group to respond to customer needs quickly and flexibly. Having implemented a variety of environmental, economic and social initiatives, today the family-run company with a 500-year history is a pioneer in sustainable business practices.

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