

Press release

Gebrüder Weiss and Henkel give it some gas

Sustainable transport solution: logistics company uses a gas-powered truck exclusively for its customer Henkel.

Lauterach / Vienna / Kruševac, August 20, 2019. The logistics company Gebrüder Weiss and the consumer goods manufacturer Henkel are collaborating to implement an eco-friendly transport solution: from now on, a truck fully powered by CNG (compressed natural gas) will be carrying freight between the Henkel plants in Vienna and Kruševac in Serbia. For each return trip, the Gebrüder Weiss gas-powered truck will cover a distance of about 1,700 kilometers. The new, sustainable direct service scores very highly for its environmental footprint: the gas-powered truck saves about 20% of the CO₂ on every trip, compared with a Euro-6 diesel truck.

“On this regular circuit, the truck will transport detergents and cleaning agents between Austria and Serbia two or three times a week, covering over 200,000 kilometers a year. We're currently working with Gebrüder Weiss to see whether this transport solution could also be used on other routes,” says Patrick Csar, Logistics and Export Manager Supply Chain Laundry & Home Care at Henkel.

Long-standing logistics partnership

The partnership between Gebrüder Weiss and Henkel goes back over 25 years. By now, the logistics company carries out large numbers of shipments by land and sea between various Henkel production locations in Europe and Asia. Since 2016, Gebrüder Weiss has also been responsible for transporting detergent products from the Henkel location at Körösladány in Hungary to over 20 countries worldwide, chiefly the USA, Australia, Israel, Saudi Arabia and Korea.

Third gas-powered truck

For Gebrüder Weiss, the gas-powered truck for Henkel is already the third truck of this kind and represents another step in the testing out of eco-friendly drive technologies in everyday logistics work. Other gas-powered trucks are already in service at the locations in Vienna and Memmingen. Since September 2018, the company has also been testing a fully electric truck in the urban area of Vienna. This is primarily associated with the attempt to electrify urban delivery traffic, where zero emissions and reduced noise pollution are very important.



Caption: Gas-powered trucks are an environmentally friendly alternative, especially on routes where containerized transport is not possible. (Source: Henkel)



Caption: From left to right: Alen Halilagic (truck driver with Gebrüder Weiss), Patrick Csar (Logistics and Export Manager Supply Chain Laundry & Home Care, Henkel CEE), Nikola Vasiljevic (International Transport Manager, Gebrüder Weiss Serbia) and Jürgen Rogner (Corporate Sales & Key Account Management, Asia, Gebrüder Weiss) in front of the gas-powered truck. (Source: Henkel)

About Gebrüder Weiss

With more than 7,100 employees, 150 company-owned locations and an annual turnover of 1.67 billion euros (2018), 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 specialized industry solutions and subsidiaries under the umbrella of Gebrüder Weiss Holding AG, based in Lauterach (Austria) – including the logistics consultancy firm x|vise, tectraxx (industry specialist for hi-tech businesses), dicall (communications solutions, market research, training), Rail Cargo (railway transports), and the Gebrüder Weiss parcel service GWP, co-shareholder of the Austrian company DPD. This bundling of services allows the corporate group to respond to customer needs quickly and flexibly. Today, having implemented a variety of environmental, economic and social initiatives, the family-run company with a 500-year history is also considered a pioneer in sustainable business practices.

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