



SDV Bernard opens purpose-built Logistics Centre in Cambridge to optimise services in East Anglia and Midlands Region

In a strategic move to consolidate its facilities in the central UK region, SDV Bernard Ltd recently opened a purpose-built Logistics and Distribution Service Centre in an area of high technology enterprise in Cambridge. The company's East Anglia and Midlands operations will now be streamlined into this flagship logistics hub to increase efficiency, improve customer services and bring its logistics and freight forwarding operations under one roof.

The new Cambridge site is extremely well placed for international logistics operations, providing a direct connection into the extensive SDV global network, with the capacity to handle future expansion of its service capability as well as fulfilling current customer needs. Strategically located in proximity to markets and air and sea networks, and taking full advantage of nearby motorway connections such as the M11 and M25, SDV Bernard is able to respond rapidly to all services from emergency dispatch to routine deliveries, with the ability to carry an extremely broad product line in stock.

The brand new, high quality facility has been fully operational since the beginning of August and provides an ideal environment for receiving, storage, pick/pack, assembly and added value logistics and distribution operations. At almost 30,000 square feet, the facility provides the logistics services side of the Company with a significant expansion throughout the region. The state-of-the-art, high bay warehouse provides 3,000 storing positions for pallets ready for dispatch, with discreet, dedicated areas for pick and pack consolidation and deconsolidation, cross docking and reverse logistics and a large mezzanine platform.

The warehouse features dedicated areas for specialised packing. Hazardous consignments are packed according to IATA Dangerous Goods Regulations by fully trained staff, using UN specification cartons, with the added capability and expertise necessary for Dry Ice packing. In addition, SDV Bernard offers at this facility a custom-made, wooden case making service, using only Forestry Commission approved ISPM15 compliant packaging materials to meet the required legislative standards. The new facility at Milton Road will have a positive environmental impact. By design, the building optimises the use of renewable energy sources and has a built-in rainwater recycling system.

SDV Bernard has an industry leading reputation for logistics management and

experienced teams are available on site to manage every aspect of logistics including international and domestic transportation, documentation, customs management, materials handling, information and communications technology, security and legislative compliance. SDV Bernard's advanced warehouse management systems, bar coding, sales and purchase order management and shipment tracking software, Ari@ne, provide instant visibility of inventories, shipments, merchandise in transit and receipts.

The stringent security system at the SDV Bernard warehouse complex only gives access to authorised individuals and is constantly monitored by 24-7 CCTV coverage. Fully alarmed, the facility is Aviation Security and Authorised Economic Operator approved, ISO 9001:2008 certified, with access to Company Dangerous Goods Safety Advisors. SDV Bernard customers are assured of a high level of security for their merchandise combined with full legislative compliance.

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