

## **Gebrüder Weiss takes over the surface traffic and logistics activities of Hellmann Worldwide Logistics in the Czech Republic**

**Gebrüder Weiss and Hellmann Worldwide Logistics merge strengths. As of January 1, Gebrüder Weiss heads the existing surface and logistics activities of the two companies in the Czech Republic.**

Hellmann and GW intensified their cooperation in 2008. This recently led to GW taking over the reins for parallel surface and logistics activities in the Czech Republic in an effort to use synergies and create a more effective presence on the market. "By taking over control we are considerably strengthening our position on the Czech market. This step also underscores the intention of Hellmann and GW to maintain a strategic partnership in the future," explained Wolfgang Niessner, Chief Executive Officer at Gebrüder Weiss.

### **Excellent conditions**

The technical integration of the Czech branches of Hellmann Worldwide Logistics will begin immediately. "With the partnership our companies have enjoyed for more than 30 years, I am confident that the expanded cooperation will have a positive influence on the already high quality of service," said Executive Manager Karl Engelhard from Hellmann Worldwide Logistics. "Air and sea freight will continue to be a part of Hellmann's global network and offered under the management of Hellmann Worldwide Logistics in the Czech Republic."

### **Strong partnership**

Hellmann and GW are two of the largest private transport and logistics enterprises in the European general cargo market and founder members of System Alliance Europe (SAE). The two companies expanded their cooperation to include Southern and Eastern Europe last July, also adding a location in Rüsselsheim/Frankfurt a. M. in October 2008.

### ***The Gebrüder Weiss Corporation***

*Headquartered in Lauterach (Vorarlberg, Austria), GW has a total of 4,400 employees at 129*

*locations worldwide. GW has offices in Central and Eastern Europe in Austria, Switzerland, Germany, Italy, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Slovenia, Croatia, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Romania and the Ukraine. For the 2007 financial year, the logistics enterprise generated a turnover of 950 million euros.*

### **Hellmann Worldwide Logistics**

*Founded in 1871, Hellmann Worldwide Logistics is one of today's leading logistics providers. The company's global network comprises 16,500 employees at 443 offices in 157 countries. Their range of services includes classic forwarding solutions by truck, rail, air and sea freight, as well as an extensive portfolio of courier express parcel services, supply chain management, and industry and IT solutions. In 2007, Hellmann generated a turnover of 2.8 billion euros with 8,556 employees.*

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