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logistics-server[®] put into practice:

TridonicAtco, manufacturer of control gear for a wide range of light sources, light management systems, illuminating diodes and connection technology, awards inet-logistics contract for the logistics-server[®]

- **Complete transparency for all air and sea freight transports between the 12 national companies spread all over the world**
- **100% transport cost control and significant cost savings through integrated freight cost management**

Wolfurt/Austria, 10/01/2007 – The globally operating TridonicAtco GmbH & Co. KG, an enterprise of the Zumtobel Group, optimises its complex logistics processes together with the leading provider of supply chain execution solutions (SCE), inet-logistics GmbH. From now on transports and freight costs will be managed via the high-performance, web-based integration and communication platform logistics-server[®]. During a first step the planning, control and execution of the multi-level air and sea freight transports between TridonicAtco's national companies which operate on five different continents get realised via the standard software solution. Here the proactive event & exception handling improves the delivery reliability because it documents all events and directly reports all deviations. The worldwide rollout of the SCE-solution for inland transports for TridonicAtco's customers is planned on top of that.

By introducing the logistics-server[®] TridonicAtco creates together with inet-logistics more efficiency for its transport and freight cost management processes. In order to realise the extensive automation of

the freight cost controlling the roughly 2.000 annual shipments of the multi-level air and sea freight transports between TridonicAtco's twelve international intra-group locations are dealt with first. A total of six logistics service providers get connected to the logistics-server[®] which also means that their various services and Service Level Agreements (SLA) get stored there. The main goals are: higher transparency for inter-company transports and freight cost clearing, higher flexibility for the selection of logistics service providers as well as reduction of the administrative expenditure with regard to the invoice control and claims processing. "The extensive functionality of the solution as well as the professionalism of inet-logistics' project management convinced us," says Wolfgang Sprenger, Director Global Supply Chain Management at TridonicAtco, about the company's decision for inet-logistics. "Before, we had to rely on our experience for the planning, calculation and control of our air and sea freight transports. Today, we benefit from a solid database for these logistics processes. We know now exactly which transports were actually carried out and consequently we can not only bill correctly but also plan in a more efficient way," adds Sprenger.

Integrated communication platform

Saving potentials also result from the high degree of automation of the logistics processes. Furthermore, all involved supply chain partners can retrieve up-to-date status information about all upcoming, ongoing and completed transports via the logistics-server[®] from their own IT-environment. To this end, the logistics-server[®] imports all data which are relevant for the transport from the SAP-system of TridonicAtco and makes them available for further processing. All integrated logistics service providers can access and edit the data via their browser. Subsequently data get exported again automatically to the inventory managing inhouse-system of TridonicAtco. This functionality allows users to retrieve detailed and up-to-date status information of transports directly in SAP.

The new SCE-solution at TridonicAtco gets rounded off by the use of the proactive event & exception handling. This cross-modular function which can be integrated in all solutions and modules on the logistics-server® moreover allows for the active monitoring of all deviations and recording of the events. Thus, it is possible to react quickly in case of disruptions. The risk of delivery delays gets reduced significantly and delivery reliability increases.

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For further information

The Austrian software house **inet-logistics GmbH** with headquarters in Wolfurt unites as the leading provider of solutions for supply chain execution expert know-how from the logistics and IT sector. This knowledge characterises the performance of the logistics-server® standard software solution suite for supply chain execution. Part of it are all tasks relating to the preparation, execution and tracking of cross-company transport processes. A structured, tried-and-tested procedure for launching the software in critical business areas rounds the service portfolio off. Customers such as Magna Steyr Fahrzeugtechnik, Veritas, Robert Bosch, GEHE Pharmahandel, Novartis, OMV, Hilti, Henkel, Migros, Kraft Foods International as well as well-known logistics service providers use the standard software by inet-logistics.

TridonicAtco, with headquarters in Dornbirn/Austria, develops, manufactures and distributes control gear for a wide range of light sources, light management systems, illuminating diodes and connection technology. More than 1.900 employees who work in 52 subsidiaries generated a sales volume of € 379 million during the financial year 2006/07. 150 development engineers design sophisticated systems and products and thus create intelligent lighting concepts. More than 200 inventions and more than 900 patents keep records of TridonicAtco's innovations. Amongst the company's customers are luminaire manufacturers, architects, electronic technicians and lighting planners, electricians as well as wholesalers.

TridonicAtco's history of more than 50 years is a success story with many highlights. Today, TridonicAtco is – according to the motto „a world of bright ideas“ – the epitome of excellent products and services around the fascination „light“ and thus supports its customers during the development of energy-efficient lighting solutions. For more information go to: www.tridonicatco.com

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