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Lufthansa Cargo modernizes infrastructure for Road Feeder Services at Frankfurt hub

Contract signed for renewal of RFS stacker as part of comprehensive infrastructure program

Lufthansa Cargo has awarded another major contract as part of its infrastructure program at the Frankfurt hub with the modernization of the Road Feeder Services high-rack storage system. The two companies Vollert Anlagenbau and Körber recently won the procurement procedure and will carry out the modernization of the RFS stacker's mechanical, control and IT systems in the future. Lufthansa Cargo is being supported in the planning of the project by Miebach Consulting.

"The modernization of the RFS stacker is another important component of the extensive infrastructure program for the logistics center at the Frankfurt site," explains Harald Gloy, the cargo airline's Chief Operations Officer and Chief Human Resources Officer. "In the future, our Road Feeder Services customers will benefit from shorter turnaround times and more efficient handling of transports by truck. With the help of a modern IT environment, we are ensuring the adaptability of the high-rack storage system with regard to upcoming technological developments."

"We are very pleased to be involved in this important and sophisticated infrastructure project for Lufthansa Cargo," says Hans-Jörg Vollert, CEO of Vollert Anlagenbau. "We bring our entire experience of almost 100 years in intralogistics concepts in the heavy-duty sector to the table."

Dirk Hejnal, CEO Körber Business Area Supply Chain, emphasizes: "Körber's extensive experience in the supply chain technology - in this case in the fields of retrofit, automation and software - allows us to provide Lufthansa Cargo with a tailored solution for this project. With this, the cargo airline can fulfill the high expectations of today and tomorrow and deliver better customer service."

Lufthansa Cargo will further develop and renew the logistics center at its home hub in Frankfurt on a modular basis as part of its "LCC evolution" infrastructure program. In parallel, several preparatory measures for the construction of the new central high-rack storage system at the Lufthansa Cargo Center are currently underway, in addition to the new construction of the art warehouse. The conversion measures in the areas of mechanics, control and IT systems of the RFS high-rack storage system, which is around 20 years old, will start in the second quarter of 2022. Two stacker cranes will be replaced by new technology. The moving truck docks, which are necessary for loading and unloading trucks with ULDs, will also be modernized. Completion of the RFS stacker conversion is planned for early summer 2023. The complete modernization of the Lufthansa Cargo Center is supposed to be finished in 2029.

About Vollert Anlagenbau GmbH

As specialists for heavy loads and large parts, Vollert Anlagenbau GmbH

develops turnkey intralogistics concepts for the aluminum and metal industry. As a general contractor and full-service provider, the service range encompasses state-of-the-art material flow, storage and packaging technology as a stand-alone solution or integrated into a larger logistics environment. Whether fully automated mega-high bay systems for aluminum coils, intelligent material flow systems for the leading aluminum extrusion press manufacturers, the world's most efficient stacker cranes for the storage of sheet metal plates, automatic crane systems for 50 tons and more or the most modern surface coating systems – Vollert is everywhere. Vollert's plant and machine solutions are deployed in more than 80 countries around the world and in Asia and South America the company's own subsidiaries strengthen in addition the sales activities. Vollert employs more than 250 people at its company headquarters in Weinsberg. www.vollert.de

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Lufthansa Cargo AG

With a turnover of 2.8 billion euros and 6.5 billion revenue tonne-kilometres in 2020, Lufthansa Cargo is one of the world's leading companies in the transport of air freight. The company currently employs about 4,400 people worldwide. Lufthansa Cargo focuses on the airport-to-airport business. The cargo carrier serves around 300 destinations in more than 100 countries with its own fleet of freighters, the belly capacities of passenger aircraft operated by Lufthansa German Airlines, Austrian Airlines, Brussels Airlines, Eurowings Discover and SunExpress, and an extensive road feeder service network. The bulk of the cargo business is routed through Frankfurt Airport. Lufthansa

Cargo aligns its corporate responsibility commitment with the sustainability goals of the United Nations (UN). Lufthansa Cargo has committed itself to anchoring five selected sustainability goals in its corporate activities and to making a substantial contribution to achieving these goals by 2030. Lufthansa Cargo is a wholly owned Lufthansa subsidiary of Deutsche Lufthansa AG and Lufthansa Group's logistics specialist.

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