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Lufthansa Cargo sets important course for the future of the airfreight center in Frankfurt

Contract for new construction of central high-rack warehouse including material handling technology signed with Bleichert Automation GmbH & Co. KG

Lufthansa Cargo is pushing ahead with the modernization of its logistics center: Today, the airfreight company signed one of the highest-volume contracts in its comprehensive infrastructure program. The detailed planning and realization of the new central high-rack storage system, the centerpiece

of the Frankfurt hub, will be implemented with the German mechanical engineering company Bleichert Automation GmbH & Co. KG in the future.

"With Bleichert Automation, we were able to gain experienced experts in the field of warehousing and material handling technology who will support us with individual and custom-fit solutions," explains Harald Gloy, the cargo airline's Chief Operations Officer. "By continuing the successful cooperation with our logistics general planner agiplan, we now have a high-performance team on board for the realization phase and can move forward in large steps towards construction."

"By providing our technology, we can make an important contribution to the modernization of the logistics center," says Anton Schirle, CEO of Bleichert Automation, and adds: "The assignment of this project is a significant indicator for our company and for Germany as a business location. It proves that our ideas and innovative developments are competitive."

Dr Christian Jacobi, Executive Partner at agiplan GmbH, also explains: "After the joint concept and planning phase for the future-oriented cargo logistics at the Frankfurt hub, we are now pleased to ensure a smooth realization of the new warehouse and conveyor technology for the client."

Lufthansa Cargo will further develop and renew the logistics center at its home hub in Frankfurt on a modular basis. The transit high-rack storage system, which will be around 40 meters high in the future, with four aisles over 13 levels as well as a multi-level distribution axis along the production areas, forms the centerpiece of the renewal of cargo handling at the Frankfurt hub. The new building will further improve handling times at Lufthansa Cargo's central location and increase efficiency. This means a higher turnover rate, smoother transport processes and an improvement in service quality for all customers.

Construction and commissioning will take place in several stages, with realization of the high-rack storage system and the first part of the material distribution axis planned between 2022 and 2025. The complete modernization of the Lufthansa Cargo Center is scheduled for completion in 2029.

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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 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.

Bleichert Automation GmbH & Co KG

Bleichert Automation, part of the R.Weiss Group, is a global system partner for factory automation, conveyor technology, logistics and storage technology, assembly and interlinking technology based in Osterburken, Baden-Württemberg. The company, which has a total of five locations and 380 employees, including in the USA and China, offers a comprehensive product portfolio for a wide variety of applications and assembly processes, such as in the automotive industry or in mechanical engineering industry. As a general contractor, it combines flexible individual modules into customized, intelligent overall solutions. www.bleichert.de

agiplan GmbH

agiplan GmbH is a leading consulting and planning company based in Mülheim an der Ruhr and Stuttgart. The focus is on logistics and production solutions for industry, trade and services. In around 60 years, agiplan has realized over 6,000 projects nationally and internationally. As a consultant and general planner of factories and logistics centres, agiplan is characterised by many years of industry expertise in air freight, airport logistics and

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