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Swisslog receives order for world's largest planned AutoStore project to date

Buchs / Aarau, 2 May 2011 – Swiss IT trading group Competec has commissioned Swisslog to install one of most state-of-the-art storage systems in Europe. Swisslog will begin the installation of the automatic small parts and container storage system in September 2011, at what will become the largest electronics distribution centre in Switzerland.

Competec is a major IT trading group specialising in the import, distribution and sale of hardware and software as well as in consumer electronics. The Group comprises around 380 employees and achieved sales of approximately CHF 340 million in 2010. Their expanding product range and increasing order volumes brought logistics to the brink of their capacity within their current premises. With an operational area of more than 55,000 square metres, the new warehouse will enable their entire logistics operations to be handled from one site; consolidating the logistics currently housed at their headquarters, their automatic small parts warehouse as well as other branch offices.

The heart of this facility will be the AutoStore System, provided by Swisslog. In the first stage of installation, the automatic container system will comprise of 62,000 containers within 2,500 square metres. The containers will be stacked directly on top of one another in a self-supporting, modular aluminium grid. The grid will have 100,000 container locations, 25 ports for storing and issuing products, and 70 robots. Commissioning is scheduled for spring 2012.

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About Swisslog

Swisslog is a global provider of integrated logistics solutions for warehouses, distribution centers and hospitals. Its comprehensive services portfolio ranges from building complex warehouses and distribution centers to implementing Swisslog's own software, to intra-company logistics solutions for hospitals.

Swisslog's solutions optimize customers' production, logistics and distribution processes in order to increase flexibility, responsiveness and quality of service while minimizing logistics costs. With years of experience in the development and implementation of integrated logistics solutions, Swisslog provides the expertise that customers in more than 50 countries around the world rely on.

Headquartered in Buchs/Aarau (Switzerland), Swisslog currently employs over 2,000 staff in about 20 countries worldwide. The Group's parent company, Swisslog Holding AG, is listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange (security number: 1232462, Telekurs: SLOG, Reuters: SLOG.S).

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