



## New era for Leschaco Thailand Ltd

**Even in difficult economic circumstances Leschaco Thailand Ltd. comes up with positive news: With Marc Pinheiro (45) a new era in the management starts. 9 ½ years after opening, Volkmar Winzenborg (58) hands over the helm. His successor is able right now to announce that this month, after being awarded to operate a customs bonded import/export operations by one of the largest international beauty & healthcare companies, Leschaco Thailand opens its first logistics facilities. Mr. Joerg Conrad, chairman of the board and owner of the Germany-based Anker Leschaco Group will be present to kick-start this new product line of the groups largest operations organisation outside Germany.**

(Bangkok, January 20, 2009) Leschaco Thailand Ltd. since its inauguration August 1, 1999 has grown from a small and dedicated automotive transport & logistics provider to a mid-sized organisation providing to its clientele expert customs brokerage and international freight forwarding service, with focus on an array of niche logistics service products; tank container, project logistics, chemical (Hazmat) consolidation transport and automotive logistics solutions.

At the farewell party for Volkmar Winzenborg the owner of the Anker Leschaco Group Jörg Conrad expressly emphasises the merit of the manager: "You took over a forwarding company with 40 employees, and in less than 10 years you have further developed it into a prospering logistics service provider, with a staff of more than 260 today. And you now hand over to your successor as well as to me a company which is superbly prepared for the future, because the course was really well set in good time, and indeed in such difficult times worldwide."

With the change of management a new era also begins for Leschaco Thailand. This month, after being awarded to operate a customs bonded import/export operations by one of the largest international beauty & healthcare companies, Leschaco Thailand Ltd. opens its first logistics facilities. Fitted with sophisticated warehouse management systems, fire-fighting equipment, the 2450m<sup>2</sup> facility offers customs bonded solution, as it is located at Ticon's Customs Freezone area at Bang No km 39.

The Asia-Pacific region is one of the most important markets for the Anker Leschaco Group. Leschaco Thailand Ltd. is an important cornerstone for the development and growth of the organisation's success. Jörg Conrad, owner of the Anker Leschaco Group, cited the reasons that speak for the expansion of their operations in Thailand: "The national and international expansion of our core businesses from our own strength – or where it makes sense, together with other partners – is the main focus of our activities, whose aims are independence and sustainable profitability of our group. Thailand is a market in which we see the potential for growth, not only within our core business, the chemicals industry. But there as well."

The Anker Leschaco Group has grown to become the partner of the chemicals industry, and it is the number one in Europe for the sea-freight transportation of packed chemical products for export. In future, it is planned to expand the operations into the automobile, consumer goods and plant and machinery sectors. Additionally, the group regards itself as being able to offer expert advice when innovative warehousing and logistics solutions are required.

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