



Anker Leschaco Group opens branch in Switzerland

Bremen/Germany-based Anker Leschaco Group further expands its global network. On 10th December 2008, the independently-operating subsidiary Leschaco (Suisse) SA was officially launched. With the appointment of Alex Bellakovics as CEO, a Swiss industry-insider has been won. The company is located in Basel.

(Basel, 10 December 2008) Leschaco (Suisse) SA is up to now the twentieth subsidiary within the global network of the Anker Leschaco Group. The current team of eight employees acts as local contact partners for existing Swiss customers from the chemicals industry and is additionally active in developing new business fields. "We see ourselves as logistic solution providers within the sea and air-freight business. In doing so, we on the one hand focus on our specialisation within the fields of chemical transport, tank containers and in particular dangerous goods. On the other hand, we offer our know-how in the transportation of industrial goods and consumer products as well as plant and machinery transport", Alex Bellakovics, CEO of Leschaco (Suisse) SA, said at the opening ceremony in Basel. To work along side him, Bellakovics has brought in a 'pro' for the sales division by appointing Phil Boesiger. The two know each other from previous business activities and together constitute an experienced team.

Jörg Conrad, owner of the Anker Leschaco Group, cited the reasons that speak for expansion of their operations in Switzerland in his speech at the opening in Basel: "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. Switzerland 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 major players within the chemicals industry have their headquarters in Switzerland, so it stands to reason that Leschaco as a logistics service provider should show its colours here with its own office. 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 cargo-handling solutions are required.

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