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LPR opens one of its largest pallet depots in Europe at Savigny-le-Temple

LPR, the pallet-pooling expert, opened a new pallet depot at Savigny-Le-Temple in France's Seine-et-Marne *département* on 17 October. It is one of LPR's largest in Europe, designed for the collection, sorting and repair of more than 3.5 million pallets a year.



Savigny-Le-Temple has a new tenant, the European pallet-pooling expert, LPR. The company has recently opened a new depot in the town's industrial sector. With an area of 15,000 m², this new hub will be a strategic centre for LPR services for the Ile-de-France region, including pallet collection, transporting, sorting, repairing, painting, washing, drying and storage. In all, more than 3.5 million pallets are expected to pass through the centre every year. *"The opening of this new depot doubles our production capacity for the Paris region,"* explains Pascal Mondet, Logistics and Operations Director for LPR France.

An ideal spot for the red pallets

"At Savigny-Le-Temple, we are at the crossroads of a large number of logistics channels," Mr Mondet continues. *"Many logistics companies, the distribution hubs of the FMCG chains and the principal transporters, all of whom are major users of our pallet pool, have chosen to set-up in the Seine-et-Marne département. With this new platform we will be able both to rationalise transport resources used to collect our pallets from their sites and to have direct access to Paris and its suburbs as well as to motorway networks that provide easy communications with Northern, Eastern and Southern France and the rest of Europe. We are thus able to extend LPR pallet-pooling services easily to all our clients outside Ile-de-France."*

Cutting-edge facilities

LPR takes great care when designing new installations for developing its activities. More than two years were spent on studying, designing and building the new site.

It has installed the latest generation of automated handling lines to allow each team to process 5,500 large format pallets and also, a new development, half pallets. Quality control, repairs, painting and waste disposal operations will be performed directly on the line without interrupting the process and without extra handling. As throughput increases, 25 to 30 new jobs will be created at the depot.

KEY FIGURES FOR THE SAVIGNY-LE-TEMPLE SITE

- 15,000 m²
- 2 years to design and build it
- 1 latest-generation automated handling line
- 3,5 million pallets handled per year
- 50 trucks per day
- Between 25 and 30 new jobs created

Savigny-le-Temple: a pilot site

Savigny-le-Temple is a model for three other LPR depots currently being redeployed near Marseille and in Toulouse and Lille. For the last two years, LPR has been following a policy of improving and modernising its network of depots. LPR's management sets a high priority on choosing the best location and then on configuring and mechanizing the sites.

"Our business model is based on pooling our handling resources. We can deliver to all our French or even European customers from any of our sites. Maintenance and quality control facilities are available at each of our depots so that the quality level is the same throughout Europe," concludes Xavier Goube, Managing Director for LPR France.

LPR's Full Service offer

LPR offers a fully outsourced service which ensures that its customers always receive pallets in perfect condition from each of its 57 depots throughout Europe. LPR works with the main stakeholders in the FMCG sector and manages 20,000 drop points in 8 Western European countries.

- ✓ As soon as an order is received, LPR organises delivery of the pallets to the customer. Since they have been inspected beforehand at LPR depots, they can be used immediately in all warehouses and production sites.
- ✓ Using the dispatching information sent in by its customers, LPR tracks pallet flows and organises the collection of empty pallets from the drop points: logistics hubs, major retailers and wholesalers.
- ✓ After collection, the pallets are taken back to LPR depots for sorting and, if necessary, repaired according to strict quality requirements. They are then injected back into the circuit for a new rotation.

LPR can thus guarantee customers a constant supply of high quality pallets.

LPR specialises in pallet-pooling for suppliers and retailers in the fast moving consumer goods sector. The LPR Group operates throughout Europe, providing a full service between its customers and their European retail partners and drop points. In 2007, LPR handled over 35 million pallet movements across Europe. LPR Group turnover exceeds 100 million euros.

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