

Rhenus Logistics Ireland takes over Avant Air and Sea

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The Irish national company within the Rhenus Group has signed an agreement on 3 August 2018 to acquire Avant Air and Sea, subject to CCPC consent, and therefore has expanded its presence in Ireland. Avant Air and Sea specialises in temperature-controlled and pharmaceutical shipments as well as hazardous consignments.

Avant Air and Sea, which has its headquarters in Dublin, is a leading logistics company on the island and has been providing sea and air freight services and cross-border services for imports and exports since 1990. In addition to its headquarters in Ireland, Avant Air and Sea operates branches in Shanghai and Hong Kong.

The company provides weekly consolidation and groupage freight services from China, the USA and other Asian and Oceanic countries of origin. Its portfolio of services includes consolidation, express, hand-carry and AOG services for air freight (particularly spare parts for aircraft that are urgently required). Haulage and cargo transportation, consolidation, customs services, document preparation and insurance are all part of its services for sea freight.

Avant Air and Sea is an Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) and is also certified according to the Dangerous Goods (DG) and Good Distribution Practice (GDP) guidelines published by IATA. In future, the company will operate within the Rhenus Group under the name Avant Rhenus. The Rhenus-Group's presence in Ireland dates back more than 30 years, when it was part of Hamann International, which was integrated into the Rhenus-Group in 2006.

"We've found a customer-oriented partner in the Rhenus Group and it will enable us to continue developing our services for our existing and future customers due to its global network and its comprehensive expertise," says David Warren, Managing Director of Avant Air and Sea.

"Avant Air and Sea is a company with a strong focus on customer relations as well as providing important services for the air and sea freight sector and it will make an important contribution to the ongoing growth of the Rhenus Group. We're delighted to be able to continue developing the Rhenus business activities in

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Ireland together with Avant,” says Jörn Schmersahl, Managing Director of Rhenus Air and Ocean Europe, giving the reasons for the acquisition.

About Rhenus

The Rhenus Group is a logistics services provider with global business operations and annual turnover of EUR 4.8 billion. Rhenus has business sites at 610 locations worldwide and employs 29,000 people. The Rhenus business areas – Contract Logistics, Freight Logistics, Port Logistics and Public Transport – manage complex supply chains and provide a wealth of innovative value-added services.

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