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## K+N expands its pharma hub in Belgium

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Kuehne + Nagel has inaugurated its enlarged pharma distribution centre in Geel, making it one of the largest within the global KN PharmaChain network.

By offering standardised, reliable and compliant end-to-end logistics solutions, the new facility plays an important role for Kuehne + Nagel's customers in search of pharma & healthcare supply chain solutions to support their own strategic growth plans.

The new facility offers multi-modal, temperature-controlled forwarding and warehousing services and is fully GxP compliant and certified. KN PharmaChain encompasses a global network of more than 220 operations, 600,000 m<sup>2</sup> of industry dedicated warehousing space and a team of specially-trained operators.

Tobias Jerschke, Managing Director of Kuehne + Nagel BeLux comments at the occasion of the opening ceremony: "The enlarged pharma hub in Geel is an inherent part of our strategy to offer integrated logistics solutions to our customers, at the very centre of one of Europe's strongest pharma clusters. Leveraging our distribution network, we make sure that hospitals, pharmacies, doctors and patients are supplied in full and on time."

The Geel hub is centrally located in close proximity to the Brussels and Liège airports and with fast connections to the other 15 main European KN PharmaChain locations. The facility covers a total area of 22,000 m<sup>2</sup> (plus another 10,000 m<sup>2</sup> of extension space) and has two cold chambers to handle varying temperature requirements.

In addition to the Geel pharma hub, Kuehne + Nagel is currently investing in a 15,000 m<sup>2</sup> airside pharma facility at the Brussels cargo airport (BruCargo), due to open in the second half of 2020.