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Kuehne+Nagel South Africa

Kuehne+Nagel new airside facility boosts Africa's healthcare logistics capability

- **Kuehne+Nagel expands on Skycenter with new airside facility at OR Tambo International airport in Johannesburg, South Africa**
- **Shortened lead times from tarmac to facility and outbound into Africa**
- **Airside support to project-specific charters for both in and outbound shipments**

Johannesburg / ZA, December 6 , 2022 – Kuehne+Nagel has entered into a long-term agreement for a new airside facility strategically located in the airport zone of OR Tambo International airport, Johannesburg, South Africa – the largest and busiest airport in Africa. As part of this agreement, Kuehne+Nagel offers customers a set of logistics solutions, including warehousing, transportation, customs brokerage, supply chain management, and airside support to project-specific charter in- and outbound shipments. Core to this offering is a comprehensive cold chain solution, ensuring around-the-clock temperature-control to safeguard the integrity of highly sensitive pharma products.

The new offering is pivotal to supporting Africa's aim to become more self-reliant in healthcare operations. South Africa, Nigeria, and Algeria are leading the manufacturing charge in sub-Saharan Africa, while imports from Europe, North America, India and China remain crucial to meeting Africa's demand for medicines and basic healthcare. To support its healthcare customers – both importers and manufacturers – in executing their strategic growth plans for Africa, Kuehne+Nagel's new facility is designed with healthcare and pharmaceuticals in mind.

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"Pharmaceuticals in particular are highly-sensitive, time-critical products," says Gereon Niemeier, Managing Director, Kuehne+Nagel South Africa. "Every minute these products spend on the tarmac exposes them to temperature fluctuations, physical damage, and loss. Our new facility addresses all these challenges to ensure product stability throughout the journey."

"Our people have the expertise for plane-side access that other logistics providers don't," Niemeier points out. "In addition, the facility is so close to the charter parking area that we can provide in-person visibility resources, as well as a unique dollie solution, that greatly reduce the risk of ground handling errors as well as shipment claims. On-site monitoring protects product stability — whether temperature-controlled, high value or time critical — throughout the entire journey."

About Kuehne+Nagel

With over 80,000 employees at almost 1,300 locations in over 100 countries, the Kuehne+Nagel Group is one of the world's leading logistics companies. Its strong market position lies in sea logistics, air logistics, road logistics and contract logistics, with a clear focus on integrated logistics solutions.