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IDA Foundation selects Kuehne+Nagel to operate a healthcare hub in Dubai

- **IDA Foundation's regional hub in Dubai allows for an agile response**
- **Geographical extension of a decade-long partnership**

Dubai / UAE, December 14th, 2023 – Kuehne+Nagel has been selected as a preferred partner to operate IDA Foundation's healthcare hub for the Middle East and Africa region, located in Dubai.

IDA Foundation, an independent social enterprise headquartered in Amsterdam, provides medicine and medical goods to healthcare organisations worldwide in over 130 countries.

The new IDA Foundation hub, located at the Kuehne+Nagel facility at Dubai South, will serve as a centralised kitting and global health logistics centre for the region and beyond. Over 60% of the existing, fully GxP-compliant warehousing facility is already dedicated to handling healthcare products, confirming the organisation's expertise in handling delicate, temperature-sensitive goods.

In the UAE, Kuehne+Nagel will support IDA Foundation with product handling, including temperature and access-controlled storage, aggregation, and local and international distribution. A dedicated pharmacist will ensure compliance with strict regulations and risk mitigation.

The honourable guests of the recent ribbon-cutting ceremony represented local and international organisations that played a pivotal role in achieving this success and promoting healthcare logistics in the UAE: International Humanitarian City, Dubai South, and World Health Organization.

"Expanding our regional hub in the UAE strategically places IDA Foundation to provide fast and reliable supply of health goods to those in need, with a focus on the Middle East and Africa," says Wendy Eggen, CEO of IDA Foundation. "We chose Kuehne+Nagel because of the trust and confidence in their unwavering reliability, best-in-class warehousing services, their commitment to sustainability, and a wide range of supplementing services that allow agile response."

The partnership between Kuehne+Nagel and IDA Foundation extends a decade-long cooperation between the two organisations. Kuehne+Nagel

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Emergency and Relief Logistics in Copenhagen has successfully been a long-term partner in providing humanitarian logistics for IDA Foundation in order to distribute health products to any location in the world.

“This alliance is a testament to our shared vision of providing every patient the healthcare product in condition and in the time they deserve, but also delivering sustainable logistics solutions,” says Lee l’Ons, President, the Middle East and Africa at Kuehne+Nagel. “Our expertise in handling healthcare products, our persistent reliability, and the exemplary dedication of our teams were fundamental to this success.”

Kuehne+Nagel UAE offers sea, road, air, and project logistics solutions, as well as value-added, tailored services from offices based in Dubai and Abu Dhabi, with a team of more than 350 professionals. Over 105,000 sqm of ultra-modern warehousing space allows smooth handling of all kinds of products, from automotive to healthcare, FMCG, and general cargo, for over 30 customers.

About Kuehne+Nagel

With over 80,000 employees at almost 1,300 sites in close to 100 countries, the Kuehne+Nagel Group is one of the world’s leading logistics providers. Headquartered in Switzerland, Kuehne+Nagel is listed in the Swiss blue-chip stock market index, the SMI. The Group is the global number one in air and sea logistics and has strong market positions in road and contract logistics.

Kuehne+Nagel is the logistics partner of choice for 400,000 customers worldwide. Using its global network, logistics expertise and data-based insights, the Group provides end-to-end supply chain solutions for global companies and industries. As a member of the Science Based Target Initiative (SBTi), Kuehne+Nagel is committed to sustainable logistics by reducing its own environmental footprint and by supporting its customers with low-carbon logistics solutions.

About IDA Foundation

IDA Foundation is an independent social enterprise providing medicines and medical goods to healthcare organisations worldwide, at the best price possible. In today’s world, essential medicines remain out of reach for too many people. IDA bridges those gaps so that healthcare providers have access to quality products at a fair price.

Founded in 1972, IDA Foundation is headquartered in Amsterdam, the Netherlands and has offices in India, China, Nigeria and Democratic Republic of Congo, as well as representative agents around the world. Distributing over 3000 different health products to customers and partners in more than 130 countries, the organisation operates globally with over 200 employees representing 25 nationalities.

Customers include UN organisations, (inter)national NGOs, large funding organisations, ministries of health and central medical stores, as well as local hospitals in low- and middle-income countries. For more information, please visit: <http://www.idafoundation.org>