



AWARD MARKS TDG LOGISTICS AS LEADING 3PL

The Global Institute of Logistics



TDG IRELAND
Best 3PL in Ireland
2004

TDG Ireland has been named a leading Third Party Logistics Provider. The Global Institute of Logistics has named TDG Logistics as its choice for "Best 3PL in Ireland 2004".

Following a detailed correlated research and selection process into leading providers of supply chain and third party logistics services in Europe the Institute has put together its choice for leading logistics providers across the region. The comprehensive study conducted by the research Department of the Institute over the last year draws for a significant part on a quality-ranking system based on responses provided by concerned parties within the Global logistics end-users sector.

The research department examined the European logistics sector country by country and established its choice of the leading 3PLs in each state. The outcome of the study then saw one company being selected as the choice of the Awards Committee of the Institute as the leading logistics provider by country.

The awards are to honour those 3PLs that have helped clients save money and sell more. It is on that pragmatic basis that award-winners can be regarded as the best in the business.

On conclusion of its research on the Irish market and following careful analysis of the quality and value provided by the principal logistics service providers in Ireland, TDG Logistics emerged as the unanimous choice of the Awards Committee for best Irish 3PL.



Commenting on the award Kieran Ring, CEO of The Global Institute of Logistics said,

"Our research into operating standards in the European 3PL market and our quest to establish its 'benchmark logistics organisation in Ireland led us to TDG Ireland.

We felt that TDG Ireland best exemplified the principles along which successful 3PL solutions for the market place of tomorrow will be organised, embodying the statement that 'the best are those organisations that act globally, think locally and cut costs, boosting sales on behalf of their clients. A key element in the decision of The Global Institute of Logistics to select TDG as the number one 3PL in Ireland was based on the company's understanding of client needs and their commitment to transparency in the measurement of Key Performance Indicators against Service Level Agreements."

Kieran Ring added,

"TDG Ireland subject themselves to relentless performance audits knowing that constant improvement is the key to logistics and the key to achieving the group's mission statement 'To grow with our customers by enhancing their competitiveness'"

Reacting to today's announcement John McCormick, Managing Director of TDG Ireland said,

"This award underpins our continuing commitment to our clients and the ongoing success of their operations in their markets of choice. It also serves as testament to the dedication of our staff in their dealings with our clients and suppliers. We will continue to innovate and provide first class logistics solutions in all operations for all customers going forward, and look to achieve continuing success in the future."

The purpose of the study was:

1. To set forth criteria and procedures for developing and maintaining a wider classifying blueprint for assessing the key principles governing material flow in the Global logistics and transport sector and to highlight the unity of different functions on the supply chain, together with inventory management, capacity utilization and 'movement', which reflect the basics of logistics.
2. To establish which organisations on the supply side of the manufacturing equation displayed an ability to react most quickly to the changing face of logistics and make the most significant contribution to lean manufacture, that is delivering only what is needed by the customer, when it is needed in the quantities ordered. This method of manufacturing is done in a way that minimizes the time taken to deliver the finished goods, the amount of labour needed, the floor-space required and it does it with the highest quality, usually at the lowest cost. This system changes manufacturing from large batch processing to product based, one-at-a-time flow production.



3. To investigate the role played by logistics providers in developing outbound solutions for manufacturing and the components of the supply chain that ensure the flow of goods from origin to consumption. The ability of the provider must be to maintain the materials management functions of the supply chain, taking a product from the point of concept through delivery to the customer. Value added services and understanding and incorporating customer requirements into supply-chain processes are all essential elements of supply-chain management and those providers that satisfy clients needs contribute to the development of the sector as a whole.

About TDG Ireland

TDG is a leading player in the European Logistics market, providing supply chain solutions designed to maximise competitive advantage. The company has a turnover of £540m, is listed on The London Stock Exchange with operations in UK, Ireland, Germany, Spain and Holland and via joint ventures in France and Poland. TDG has a reputation for professionalism and operational reliability combined with commercial dynamism and innovation. The company's goal is to work in partnership with its clients so that it can respond to their changing market conditions and create value for their shareholders

Formerly Irish Warehousing and Transport (IWT), TDG is now one of the largest transport and logistics group in Ireland. They provide full and partial Supply Chain Management Services to many Blue Chip Multinationals including: Guinness, Kerry Group, Marks & Spencer, Coca Cola, Pilkington and many more long standing customers. The company employs 475 people and has a warehouse capacity of over 800,000 sq ft across 13 sites.

TDG, which provides logistics and related supply chain management, acquired IWT in August 2001 catapulting it to the leading logistics position in Ireland, particularly in the fast moving consumer goods (FMCG) sector. It is the strategic goal of TDG to be the first choice supplier to this sector in Ireland. To that end it provides cost effective warehousing, order processing and other consolidation services.

TDG Ireland employs over 410 staff operating from 12 locations including Dublin City, Tallaght, Clonsaugh, Clondalkin, Finglas, Blanchardstown, Johnstown, Kilkenny, Cork, Dundalk and Lisburn. Operating in the FMCG, Retail and Pharmaceutical sectors TDG Ireland provides Irish and European business with supply chain solutions designed to maximise their customers competitive advantage. The company's vision is to become the national supplier of choice.

TDG is a leading Pan-European supply chain solutions provider, with operations in seven countries across Europe, employing almost 8,000 people. The company works in partnership with many major blue chip companies, particularly in the FMCG, Chemical and Retail sectors. TDG's commitment to operational excellence sets it apart. Its people have the experience and creativity to develop innovative solutions and the drive to develop and implement high quality and money saving supply chain systems for its clients.



About the Global Institute of Logistics

The Global Institute of Logistics is the global forum for the 3rd Party Logistics (3PL) industry. The forum serves its members by providing the platform for discussion and debate on the issues affecting the third party logistics industry, both regionally and globally.

Membership is drawn from the world's 3rd party logistics community and is by invitation. Participants are organisations who have met the necessary standards for membership and that have been identified through the Institutes G50 programme. The G50 programme aims to establish the worlds leading logistics providers territory by territory across the globe.

The Institute acts as an intelligence-gathering agency and disseminates this information in the form of daily news reports and briefings via this website and our journal "RELAY".

The Institute promotes third party logistics to end-users through its circulation of regional and global reports. Our reports examine the changing face of the logistics industry and include profiles on leading regional 3PL's. These profiles are supported by case studies demonstrating logistics in action and illustrating the cost-cutting, sales-building achievements of the world's best 3PLs.

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