

Press Release

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Kimble Chase selects viastore to retrofit AS/RS and implement WMS

Leading producer of the most comprehensive range of laboratory and scientific glassware using viastore to modernize software and controls for existing automated storage system and add a warehouse management system

viastore systems, a leading material handling automation systems and software company, announced that Kimble Chase has selected the company for a modernization and new warehouse management project. viastore will retrofit an existing 3 aisle pallet AS/RS system with integrated pick tunnels. The modernization project involves replacing and updating the software and controls as well as PLC conveyor controls that will modernize a system installed in the 1980's.

In addition to the crane modernization, the project also includes adding viastore's viad@t Warehouse Management System to the Vineland, NJ facility, replacing a paper-based system that was no longer supported. The viastore viad@t WMS will allow for paperless picking and brings enhanced functionality, including RF-based picking and automatic dynamic replenishment of pick slots by the AS/RS cranes.

The viastore WMS will give Kimble Chase a complete, single solution. "Kimble Chase has both an automated and traditional warehouse so we wanted a solution that would address the needs of each," said Brad Hogg, Vice President of Operations at Kimble Chase. "viastore worked with us to develop the system justification and ROI and we're eager for the project to be complete later this year. Additionally, the viastore WMS will allow us to better serve our customers through improved order fulfillment speed and accuracy, which is integral to giving our customers the best buying experience."

The ability to offer companies like Kimble Chase a complete solution of software and equipment is a core strength of viastore. "Many companies like Kimble Chase need a combination of conventional and automated distribution and being able to offer a solution that can address both is important," said Tom Tobin, president and CEO of viastore. "Our retrofit and modernization experience allows us to take existing automation equipment and extend the working life of it, saving customer's time and money."

About viastore systems

For over 40 years, viastore systems has been a leading international provider of automated material handling solutions including AS/RS (automated storage and retrieval systems) and conveyor systems, warehouse management systems software, material flow and process controls, and integrated SAP logistics solutions. The company employs over 400 people worldwide and has annual sales of over \$207 Million.

About Kimble Chase

Kimble Chase is the leading producer of the most comprehensive range of laboratory and scientific glassware. Specializing in a broad range of reusable, disposable and specialty glassware for the following markets: pharmaceutical, environmental, petrochemical, life sciences, education and chromatography. These products support our customers needs in sample generation, collection, storage, preparation, analysis, disposition and lab safety. The premier brands within our portfolio include, Kimble and KIMAX. A global company, Kimble Chase has approximately 900 employees at five sites on three continents.

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