

STEF steps up its presence in German-speaking Switzerland with a new dual-temperature site

STEF inaugurated today a new logistics hub for food products in Kölliken, a municipality in the German-speaking part of Switzerland. The 8,500 sqm temperature-controlled site underscores the Group's ambition to become a key player in the Swiss logistics market. The opening ceremony was attended by Mario Schegner, mayor of Kölliken, Stanislas Lemor, deputy CEO of STEF, and Michel Christe, Chairman of the board of STEF Switzerland.

The STEF Kölliken site will specialize in logistics for chilled and frozen food products. Employees will handle receipt and storage, alongside order picking, co-packing and distribution nationwide.

With its strategic geographical location at the heart of the food-producing region and areas of consumption in German-speaking Switzerland, STEF Kölliken can answer the needs of the Swiss agri-food industry and serve retail and wholesale platforms throughout the region. The logistics hub is also a bridgehead for the Group's European customers who are looking to grow their business in Switzerland, as well as Swiss customers wishing to improve access to markets in Western and Southern Europe.

Kölliken is part of the STEF strategy to develop bulk logistics services for chilled products. Its clients include EMMI, Switzerland's number-one dairy group, with whom STEF set up a joint logistics and distribution network in 2016 to handle chilled food produce for Switzerland.

Stanislas Lemor, STEF deputy CEO, said : *"Our presence in German-speaking parts of Switzerland is the result of a project built on a pledge to listen to our clients and perfectly fit with our business development strategy in the country. We are now in a position to offer a comprehensive range of logistics solutions throughout the region. The Kölliken site is the centrepiece of our approach and is a huge asset in helping our clients grow."*

STEF Kölliken is in the Zofingen district in the canton of Aargau, just off the motorway between Zurich and Bern. Designed by IMMOSTEF, the Group's real-estate subsidiary, the building provides a total surface area of 8,500 square metres, with a 18,000 pallets storage space. It meets a full range of requirements in terms of cooling, insulation and energy savings. The facility also holds IFS Logistics and Organic accreditation.

The site currently employs 50 people, including 30 new hires. In the next three years, it aims to create a further 70 jobs.

The STEF Kölliken site is another milestone in the Group's drive to strengthen its long-term presence in Switzerland, where it has been operating since 1927. STEF has 120 employees in the country across five sites: in addition to the Kölliken hub, it has three facilities in the French-speaking region (Bussigny, Satigny and Givisiez, which is due to be commissioned in the first quarter of 2019) and one in the Italian-speaking region (Cadenazzo).



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STEF is the European leader in temperature-controlled transport and logistics services. Its mission is to be the link between the agrifood sectors and consumers. The Group carries chilled, frozen and thermosensitive products from their production to their consumption sites while ensuring the highest standards in terms of food safety, lead time and quality. STEF provides food manufacturers, retailers and out-of-home foodservice businesses with the expertise needed to sustainably enhance their supply-chain efficiency. With turnover of nearly €3 billion, STEF employs around 18,000 people at 230 sites in 7 European countries. Shares are listed in Compartment B of the Euronext Paris stock exchange under ISIN FR0000064271.

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