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GEODIS to enhance its pharmaceutical logistics capabilities and move into a new temperature controlled, GDP compliant warehouse in Manchester

GEODIS, a world leader in transport and logistics, announces the opening of a temperature-controlled GDP-compliant pharmaceutical warehouse close to the airport in Manchester designed to support both inventory management and cross-docking operations, reinforcing its capabilities in the fast-growing Pharma & Healthcare sector in the UK and Ireland. The facility is scheduled to go live on June 1st, 2026.

The warehouse will offer 2,000 pallet positions and has been developed to accommodate sensitive pharmaceutical products that require strict temperature management and regulatory compliance. It will include dedicated short-term storage zones such as a fully temperature-controlled area maintained at controlled room temperature (15–25°C) and chilled environments (2–8°C), with the option to introduce frozen storage if needed. Additional capabilities include designated returns areas and continuous temperature monitoring supported by 24/7 alert systems to safeguard product integrity, while enabling both short-term storage and efficient onward distribution.

Strategically located close to the M6 and M62 transport corridors and near Manchester Airport, the site enables efficient nationwide distribution while maintaining strong international connectivity for air freight shipments. Manchester's dynamic life sciences ecosystem and central location make it an ideal hub to support the growing demand for specialized pharmaceutical logistics services.

"This new facility allows us to provide highly reliable end-to-end solution for temperature-sensitive healthcare products," said Paul Morris, Head of Pharma & Healthcare Vertical for GEODIS in UK. "With advanced monitoring systems, robust compliance standards and strong connectivity across the UK, we are well positioned to support pharmaceutical and biotech companies with safe, efficient and scalable logistics solutions."

Operations will be supported by a validated Warehouse Management System (WMS) providing barcode scanning, batch traceability, full audit trails, and real-time inventory visibility to ensure compliance, transparency, and operational efficiency throughout the supply chain, whether for inventory holding or fast-moving distribution flows.

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The Manchester site meets a wide range of international quality and security standards, including GDP/ WDA pharmaceutical compliance, as well as ISO 9001, ISO 14001, ISO 45001, ISO 50001, TAPA, AEO, and Dangerous Goods certifications.

The warehouse has also been designed with sustainability in mind, incorporating energy-efficient refrigeration systems, LED lighting, and waste-reduction initiatives.

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GEODIS is a leading global logistics provider acknowledged for its expertise across all aspects of the supply chain. As a growth partner to its clients, GEODIS specializes in four lines of business: Global Freight Forwarding, Global Contract Logistics, Distribution & Express Transport, and European Road Network. The Group operates a global network spanning nearly 170 countries and 48,000 employees. In 2025, GEODIS generated €10.6 billion in revenue. GEODIS is a company owned by SNCF group.

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