

The acquisition of Dirk Raes, a specialised logistics company for pharmaceutical manufacturers, heralds the market entry of Celesio subsidiary Movianto in the market for cold chain logistics for pharmaceuticals in the Benelux countries. Dirk Raes is the leading provider in this small but up-and-coming market and has been a reliable partner for the pharmaceutical industry since 1978. In 2007 the company earned revenues in the upper single-digit million Euro range and currently has 65 employees. As a consequence of the acquisition Movianto now has a presence in eleven European countries.

The Management Board member responsible for the Manufacturer Solutions division, Wolfgang Mähr, said that pharmexx and Dirk Raes “have set further milestones for the internationalisation of the division and for the comprehensive market presence of Movianto in Europe”.

The increase in the shareholding in pharmexx is subject to approval by anti-trust regulatory authorities.

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