

## Dirk Raes now part of the Movianto Group

**Stuttgart, 27 March 2009 – With the acquisition of Dirk Raes in Belgium by the Celesio AG, the subsidiary Movianto is extending its presence in the Benelux states. Movianto is one of the leading pharmaceutical logistics companies in Europe.**

Dirk Raes is the market leader in specialised cool chain logistics and distribution for the pharmaceutical and healthcare industry. 65 employees ensure the uninterrupted storage and distribution of pharmaceutical products in two temperature controlled warehouses as well as a fleet of 50 vans. The delivery in these validated vans is undertaken on a daily basis to hospitals, doctors, pharmacies, laboratories and wholesalers.

“The company with its high level of services and outstanding reputation on the market is an excellent fit for the Movianto Group,” commented Alexander Paasch, Managing Director of Movianto. “This move enables us to offer our clients new distribution solutions and the opportunity of a central distribution hub in the Benelux region as well as to central Europe.”

Dirk Raes will further strengthen Movianto’s European network. With the acquisition, the Movianto Group will now be providing logistics and distribution services across a network of 11 European countries to its international clients from the pharmaceutical, biotechnology and healthcare industry, including the ten largest pharmaceutical companies in the world.

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**About Movianto**

Movianto provides the pharmaceutical, biotechnology and healthcare industry with innovative logistics and distribution solutions across a network of 11 European countries. Movianto's 600 international clients, including the world's eleven largest pharmaceutical manufacturers, benefit from a broad range of pharmaceutical logistics services and the variety of distribution models at national, regional and European level. Providing consistently high levels of quality and securing transparency of the supply chain are Movianto's highest priority. Clients are able to profit from the specialist knowledge offered by more than 1,700 of Movianto's employees. Movianto is a business unit of Celesio AG. For further information, please visit [www.movianto.com](http://www.movianto.com)

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