

Press release

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Hempel grows in North America

New Central Distribution Centre boosts efficiency and service for Hempel customers

On Monday (27 February) in Northlake, Texas, leading global coatings supplier Hempel inaugurated its new North American Central Distribution Centre (CDC). This significant addition to Hempel's worldwide network further demonstrates its continuing commitment to bring trusted solutions closer to its customers.

This new CDC warehouse covers 202,000 sq. ft/18,766 sq m with 32 dock doors, and will be responsible for distributing Hempel's entire range of coatings to customers and stock points across North America. With manufacturing taking place in Dallas and Conroe, Texas, this strategic investment allows orders to be fulfilled and shipped in record time and at reduced cost.

Alongside these benefits, the CDC will also generate more than 30 new jobs in the first year alone - and contribute to the sustainable growth of Northlake and the surrounding local economy.

Speaking at the opening, Hempel Group President & CEO Henrik Andersen said:

"We are delighted to be opening our new CDC here today. This new facility further cements our presence in North America. It takes us a step closer to our goal of achieving our 2020 strategy, *Journey to Excellence*, and supports our global growth. At Hempel, we are continuously investing in ways to streamline our operations so that we can deliver great customer service at a reasonable cost. This new facility allows us to do just that."

Eric Massey, Hempel's North America Regional Supply Chain Director added:

"Today's opening proves that we are serious about achieving our 2020 Strategic Growth Initiative. With the launch of this new facility we will enhance customer focus, while delivering sustainable organic growth and achieving operational excellence. Our new centre utilises 6S methodology, state-of-the-art warehouse management systems and order fulfilment processes. This all leads to an increase in productivity and efficiency, driving business growth for Hempel and our customers."

Hempel delivers trusted solutions to the protective, decorative, marine, container, industrial and yacht markets.

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About Hempel

Since 1915 Hempel has been a world-leading coatings specialist, providing protection and inspiration to the world around us. Today we have over 5,500 people in 80 countries delivering trusted solutions in the protective, decorative, marine, container, industrial and yacht markets. This includes many recognised brands like Crown Paints, Schaeppman and Jones-Blair.

Hempel is proudly owned by the Hempel Foundation, which supports cultural, humanitarian and scientific causes across the world.

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