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"ANT", THE NEW MODULAR E-LOGISTICS SOFTWARE
INDEPENDENT OF THE OPERATING SYSTEM**

As communication and information technology progresses, it constantly unveils new perspectives. Missing standards can still be seen as the biggest hindrance for e-logistics. This holds particularly true if suppliers or branches of a company, in terms of a supply chain, want to draw on needs and supplies in order to ensure ongoing manufacturing processes and desired delivery cycles.

This is where SSI Schäfer Noell's new software development is brought in. The intensely expanding company based in Giebelstadt with its product "ant", the new modularly designed logistics software, offers a solution for complex projects that is independent of the operating system, web-based, and releasable. From shelved racking and pallet racking to the automatic HBW and from warehouse administration to warehouse management, this system is highly standardized, runs without additional special software with any internet browser. This is an absolutely holistic and modularly expandable solution for the entire supply chain in the areas B2B and B2C.

The consequent user orientation lead to the development of "ant", which offers the user the desired flexibility, transparency, upgradability and expandability as well as short start-up times. „ant“ is based on the modular structure of intelligent and inexpensive standard modules whose parameters are completely modifiable. This means that logistic functions such as the handling of incoming goods, storage space optimization, order compilation, tour scheduling, stock-taking, etc. are standardized to a large extent. About 20% are customer-specific adaptations by the customizing of standard components and can be accessed via a switch in the relevant programs. In this way, the customer is guaranteed extensive flexibility. The remainder stays customer-specific and consists of special controls and external systems.

A decisive advantage for the perfect integration into the SCM chain is the software structure which is independent of hardware and operating system. „ant“, together with its software, is entirely web-based and works with any internet browser without additional special software, and it is free in regard to all usual interfaces. An additional benefit of SAP implementation is that it is certified. The WMS controls materials flow and fork-lift control systems, materials handling equipment and stacker cranes as well as all order-picking techniques such as manual order-picking, pick by light, pick by voice, robot order-picking (e.g. by SSI Schäfer PEEM), online via radio data transmission, etc.

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„ant“ has efficient visualization systems and enables e.g. capacity planning and order simulations; this is a decisive advantage when it comes to handling seasonal highs. Just like any other solution from SSI Schäfer Noell, it ensures high system availability by expanded data safety via standby systems, comprehensive “early warning systems”, integration of the high availability concept and proven expert online support seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

The companies that have used this technology include furniture stores Zurbrüggen and Hofmeister, Fuchs Dea, Zott and VW, and all are very satisfied with this solution and the after sales service.

Release and relax

Logistics concepts and processes are also subject to permanent changes. No logistics software can tackle this without complications and at an affordable price. SSI Schäfer Noell pursues a targeted release and evolution strategy with "ant". Apart from standard components that are modifiable as to parameters, the ingenious system offers optional logistics modules that can be upgraded and expanded. Updates guarantee that this reliable and stable system will meet the strict requirements with regard to performance, data safety and availability as well as additional features in the future: inexpensive and handling-friendly. With upgradable software it is easy to face future challenges in a relaxed way. The users are offered not only high investment safety but also advantages such as flexibility and technical lead.

In addition to these software solutions, the general contractor SSI Schäfer Noell offers overall service throughout the world. Integrated into the powerful alliance of the Schäfer group, the Giebelstadt-based company offers you engineers and rack structure with individual manufacturers and individual software development all from one source. We guarantee you, the customer, holistic logistics solutions: guaranteed, reliable, effective and growth-oriented.

For further information refer to our new brochure “IT systems”. Please contact SSI Schäfer Noell GmbH, i_Park Klingholz 18/19, 97232 Giebelstadt or write to info@ssi-schaefer-noell.com for a free copy of this brochure.

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