**TGW freezer competence gives Norwegian grocery market leader ASKO a boost**

* **The powerful freezer system encompasses a high-bay pallet warehouse with storage and retrieval machines as well as an automated mini-load warehouse with 38,000 storage locations**
* **Increased productivity, shortened lead times and improved ergonomics for employees**
* **TGW's experience in freezer automation as a decisive factor in the awarding process**

**(Marchtrenk, 22 May 2023) TGW is constructing a high-performance freezer system for the grocery wholesaler ASKO in the Norwegian harbour city of Trondheim. With this extension, the leading grocery specialist is laying the foundation for the growth planned for the coming years. Go-live of the highly-automated system is scheduled for January 2025.**

ASKO is the leading Norwegian grocery wholesaler. The grocery specialist's assortment consists of more than 25,000 items and encompasses both fresh and frozen products as well as dry goods, beverages and non-food items. Altogether, the company supplies roughly 16,000 customers across Norway, including restaurants, hotels, commercial kitchens and supermarket branches.

**Focus on efficiency, sustainability and ergonomics**

ASKO currently relies on a network of 13 distribution centres, but it has become increasingly clear that the fulfillment center in Trondheim is being stretched to its capacity limits. With this extension, the grocery specialist is laying the foundation for the growth planned by 2040.

The powerful centrepiece of the installation is an 18-metre-high freezer system that will consist of a high-bay pallet warehouse with storage and retrieval machines and an automated mini-load warehouse with 38,000 storage locations. The smart design makes optimal use of the limited space available. This will not only increase productivity, shorten lead times and highlight sustainable processes, but also improve ergonomics for the employees.

**Experience in freezer automation tips the scales**

"We are delighted that ASKO, the Norwegian grocery market leader, is putting its trust in TGW's experience and expertise in freezer applications," affirms Sales Project Manager Kristian Brink. "Our customers in this segment also include such industry leaders as COOP in Switzerland, Nordfrost and ICA Sweden."

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TGW Logistics Group is one of the leading international suppliers of material handling solutions. For more than 50 years, the Austrian specialist has implemented automated systems for its international customers, including brands from A as in Adidas to Z as in Zalando. As systems integrator, TGW plans, produces and implements complex logistics centres, from mechatronic products and robots to control systems and software.

TGW Logistics Group has subsidiaries in Europe, China and the US and more than 4,400 employees worldwide. In the 2021/2022 business year, the company generated a total turnover of 924 million euros.

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