



“Dear Customer,
At Volvo Logistics, we have been working steadily, and for many years, to reduce the environmental impact of our operations. This area is now also entering a more intensive phase. The reason for this is that Volvo Trucks has challenged us to reduce our carbon-dioxide emissions by 20% by 2010. This is a tough challenge but one we are happy to accept. We will present our action plan in connection with the “Logistik & Transport” Conference and Exhibition in Göteborg on 20–22 May.

Åke Niklasson, President and CEO, Volvo Logistics

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NEWSLETTER FOR VOLVO LOGISTICS' CUSTOMERS



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NEW OFFERINGS

Thinking outside the box

Never before has Volvo Logistics developed so much new packaging.

New smart plastic boxes, more environmentally sound spacers and a folding combitainer are all queuing to be introduced to customers.

THE FIRST new products were the small plastic box, Emballage 500, which can replace customers' internal boxes. As the supplier can pack these boxes directly, customers can avoid picking and re-packing.

“The main advantage of our boxes is that they can be stacked even without lids. At the same time, they fit inside one another when they are empty, so each new box only increases the height of the stack by three centimetres,” explains Jörgen Jansen, packaging developer at Volvo Logistics. The same stacking principle is used for Emballage 600, which is 60 centimetres long



The wooden pallet has been in use since the 1950's, while the plastic boxes were introduced in the 1980's. Jörgen Jansen and Per Dalheim are now modernising VLC's standard packaging.

and 20 centimetres wide, about the same size as a balcony flower box. As yet, it is only available as a prototype.

You put it on an angled stand,

a bit like the spice rack in food shops. When the assembly workers have emptied one crate, they remove it and the next one slides forward.

- Newly developed packaging:**
- Emb 400:** a folding combitainer
 - Emb 500:** a small blue box
 - Emb 600:** the “flower box”
 - Lock (Lid) g1 & g2 for half and full pallets
 - New thickness for pallet runners
 - Emb 750** with a single lid
 - Spacer made of cardboard
 - Spacer made of corrugated cardboard covered with woven polypropylene
 - Emb 800:** 80x30 centimetres with a lid (concept study)

There is also a unit cover for the “flower box” for full and half pallets. It both stabilises the boxes and covers them. The lid also fits pallet frames. The next major challenge is to develop a woodfree alternative to the loading pallet, something that could be completed at the beginning of 2009.

GENERAL VOLVO LOGISTICS NEWS

CO₂ challenge accepted

DURING a climate seminar in January, Åke Niklasson accepted a challenge from Volvo Trucks to reduce carbon-dioxide emissions by 20 per cent by the end of 2010.

“This is a tough challenge, but we like

tough challenges. They help to drive developments,” says Åke Niklasson. “I am convinced that we can realise this target together with our suppliers by working on fuel savings, biofuels and updated truck

fleets. In addition, we shall continue to find smart logistics solutions. This challenge is completely in line with our own environmental targets.”

Volvo Logistics will present the action plan in connection with the “Logistik & Transport” Conference and Exhibition in Göteborg on 20–22 May.

GENERAL VOLVO LOGISTICS NEWS

Firm grip on logistics show

AB VOLVO will be an official partner at the "Logistik & Transport" Conference and Exhibition in 2008 and 2009.

"We want to be able to follow and influence developments in the industry. Being a business partner is one way of doing this," says Åke Niklasson, president of Volvo Logistics.

The "Logistik & Transport" in May will be integrated with Eurolog and the Ro-Ro conference. This will give it far more of an international

flavour than before.

The key words for the conference are Efficiency –

Responsibility – Sustainability.

Volvo Logistics has been tasked by AB Volvo with co-ordinating and planning the Volvo Group's activities at the show. Volvo will have a stand at the exhibition. For more information about the conference, please visit www.volvologistics.com

Good opportunity in Montreux

IN MARCH, Volvo

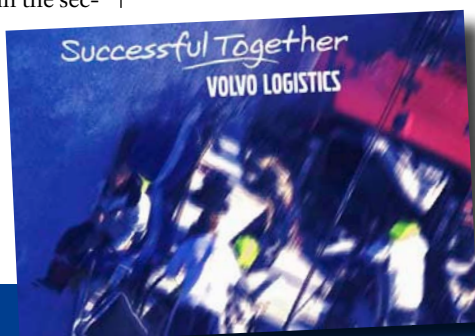
Logistics was participating with a stand and a speaker at the Automotive Logistics Europe Conference in Montreux.

Many companies in the business were represented. "This was a good opportunity for us to network in the industry. We had the chance to make some important business contacts and obtain information about future customer requirements," explains Marie Carlsson, head of Marketing & Sales.

Bruno van Damme, business development manager, was speaking in the section entitled "How to maximise global supply chains with intelligent packaging strategy" and was also a part of a panel discussion.



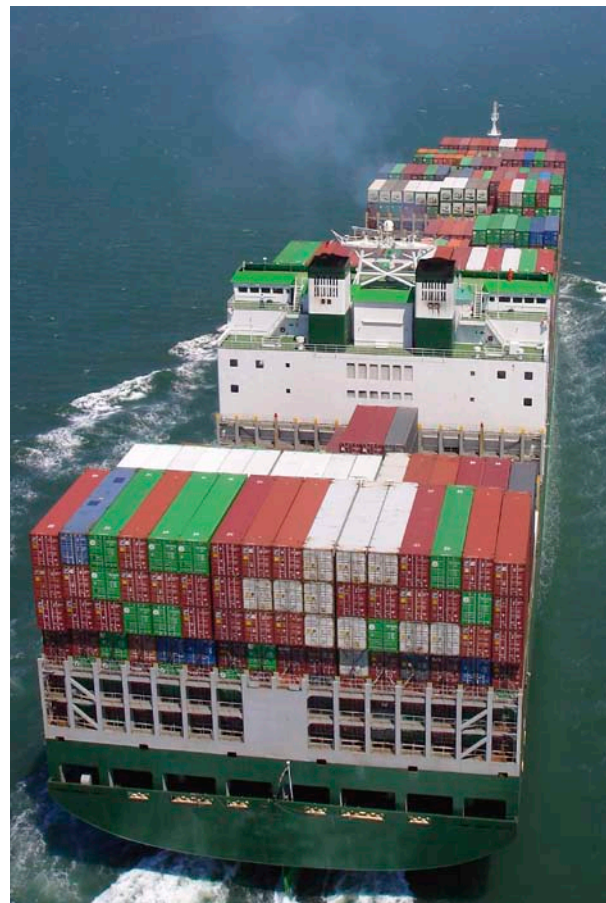
Bruno van Damme



CORE VALUES

Call for cleaner shipping

VOLVO LOGISTICS has signed a letter of intent to demonstrate that it plans to impose demands on sea transport to comply with "Clean Shipping" requirements. One way of encouraging shipping to follow the rules and regulations and thereby reduce its environmental impact is for large customers to impose demands on or ask questions of their sea transport operators. The Clean Shipping Criteria report contains a list of measures that lead to important environmental improvements when they are used on a large scale and some ships have already started using them. The Clean Shipping project is being financed by public funds from the county administrative board in the county of Västra Götaland, the Västra Götaland Region and Business Region Göteborg.



GENERAL VOLVO LOGISTICS NEWS

Controlling the chain in "Chindia"

VOLVO LOGISTICS in China and India has been approved as a freight forwarder by the authorities. This means that Volvo Logistics is allowed to control every link in the transport chain and thereby keep freight costs down even more effectively for its customers. In both India and China, the company is attracting many external customers, as the Volvo Group is actively searching for new suppliers in these countries.

Right route saving in Russia

NEW TRANSPORT routes to Russia resulted in savings of millions for our customer.

Instead of driving all the cars to Moscow and then transporting 25 % of them back to St Petersburg, 700 kilometres to the west, the transport flow is now being co-ordinated by boat between Göteborg and Kotka, after which some cars continue to Moscow, while others are transported directly to St Petersburg.

Introducing two flows instead of one is both helping to reduce transport costs and cutting emissions of carbon dioxide and particulate matter by 25 %.