

## Press release

### An experience in safety

**TALKE Logistics Service held its biggest safety training ever at the Nuerburgring with more than 150 drivers \* Large program is supposed to train drivers theoretically and sensitise them by practical training**

**Huerth, May 24th, 2006.** At the Driving Safety Center Nuerburgring near Cologne, Germany, ALFRED TALKE GmbH & Co. KG, Huerth, gathered together more than 150 drivers from its fleet from Western and Northern Germany on May, 20<sup>th</sup>. "TIPS" – Talke's Intensive Personnel School – has been conceived to theoretically and practically train and sensitise TALKE's own drivers as well as driving personnel of transport partners in terms of safety and quality.

With "TIPS", the company ever since has put a special emphasis on high practical value and a live character of the training contents. Participants at the Nuerburgring therefore were able to take part in safety trainings for trucks, tank trucks and passenger cars, manoeuvres and fire extinguishing drills. They could as well catch up on the new digital control unit, on tiredness and fatigue, follow a presentation on the new optical safety system SEBILI for the control of perception and awareness and a demonstration of the Electronic Stability Program with a special tank truck.

Juergen Krempel, fleet and training manager at TALKE, explains: „'TIPS' are not at all dry one-way lessons. What we offer to the participants is much more of an on-the-job training event. Our aim is to involve our drivers and make it a live experience for them." The safety training with more than 150 drivers, 22 presenters and 65 tractors was the biggest drivers' training since the beginning in 1985. Since then, the chemical logistics company, which is also recognized by the Chamber of Industry and Commerce as an official training institution for dangerous goods drivers, has trained more than 8,000 people.

"We put a lot of effort into the quality and safety of our services. Our fleet management concept comprises of a number of measures within the system man – organisation – technique", says Klaus Wessing, Chief Operating Officer at TALKE. "In the long run, we are only able to meet our customers' demands and to fulfil our responsibility by optimal workflow between these three elements. Nonetheless, we would welcome a stronger acceptance of the fact that these measures are not available for free," comments Wessing.

To meet its own demands, the training and education of its employees isn't the only area on which the company holds a leading position in the chemical logistics industry. For example, TALKE has already implemented the Behaviour Based Safety Guidelines (BBS) by the ECTA (European Chemical Transport Association). Until

today, more than 400 drivers have been assessed according to these extensive guidelines.

The next "TIPS" safety training event is scheduled for September 2<sup>nd</sup>, at the Lausitzring, located between Cottbus and Dresden.

**TALKE Logistic Services**, headquartered in Huerth near Cologne, Germany, offers bulk and dry bulk transportation, logistics solutions such as warehousing, packaging and handling, engineering and construction of entire logistics facilities as well as technical services, e. g. tank cleaning and repair services. The Logistic Solutions business unit is specialised on planning and construction of logistic facilities.

The company, now run by the second and third generation of the family, is committed to become the preferred supplier of logistic solutions for the European chemical industry. This aim shall be reached by geographical expansion, exploration of new business fields and investments, mainly in the training of employees, IT competence and logistic infrastructure.

TALKE employs more than 800 people on 15 locations in Europe and the Gulf States.

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