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**NTN-SNR ROULEMENTS unveils its new logistics
centre at Cran-Gevrier (74)
dedicated to the Automotive Aftermarket**



On Friday 12 February 2014, in the presence of elected officials, partners and staff, NTN-SNR ROULEMENTS unveils a 12,000 m² logistics building dedicated to the Automotive Aftermarket. Christened EDC-A (European Distribution Centre - Automobile), the warehouse, located in Cran-Gevrier (74), is the European logistics centre and delivers across a wide area from South America to Russia. A new investment in the Haute-Savoie to meet future growth prospects.

A new building for the rapidly growing Automotive Aftermarket business

The Automotive Aftermarket sector sells spare parts for vehicle repair. NTN-SNR designs kits that simplify the work of mechanics for 97% of the vehicles on the

road throughout Europe (approximately 250 million vehicles, 80,000 different models).

"We have aggressively grown this business over the past 15 years, both in Western Europe, which is our main market, and for export, which now represents a significant portion of our sales. To continue this growth over the coming years therefore demanded that we streamlined our logistics," says Eric Malavasi, Automotive Aftermarket & Logistics Director.

A strategic investment in the Haute-Savoie

NTN-SNR has continued its investment policy, which has amounted to € 140 million over the past three years; 60% of this amount was invested in France, particularly in the Haute-Savoie. The € 8 million spent on the EDC-A building are evidence of the company's development plan.

The choice of location was obvious: a prime location close to major motorways and co-locating the Automotive Aftermarket activities (logistics and packaging, quality, marketing, purchasing and commercial).

After 12 months of work, the warehouse has a storage capacity of 25,000 m², enabling 40 tonnes of parts to be shipped daily.

Functionality, safety and respect for the environment serving the global Automotive Aftermarket

NTN-SNR must demonstrate effectiveness, responsiveness and flexibility to deliver its 7,000 Automotive Aftermarket part numbers worldwide. The new EDC-A can meet these expectations by its design, which takes into account the processes and the storage layout. The latest generation equipment ensures functionality and

safety: forklifts with tilting cabs and integral counterbalanced forks, warehouse management software, handheld devices to control picking, etc.

Energy-efficient performance and consideration of environmental factors complete the project:

- natural lighting optimised by the presence of windows in each aisle,
- enhanced insulation ensuring an inside temperature of 12° to 14°,
- external runoff water treatment ponds with hydrocarbon-absorbent macrophage plants.

“Today we are inaugurating this building, but beyond the visible part is a much larger project that we committed to three years ago and which we have finally completed. Indeed, as part of this project we revised our logistics distribution pattern, and redefined the capabilities, flows, warehouse management tools, buildings, and shipping processes,” explains Mala.

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