

# KARL HEINZ DIETRICH BUILDS NEW WAREHOUSE

Karl Heinz Dietrich Romania, a branch of KH Dietrich Germany, last year opened a logistics center and warehouse in Otopeni. The Company was founded in 1994 and operates as a trucking supervising center for shipments between Eastern Europe and the port of Hamburg. The construction of a second warehouse is already underway and will be defined as 5,500 sq m closed surface, located in Otopeni on the Bucharest ring road. The new warehouse will probably be finished before October this year and will include an in-bond storage area. "The first logistics center and warehouse space," said Irina Ion, KH Dietrich Romania's General Manager, "is designed to store the goods of our clients, with whom we discussed it before the projekt was finalizde. The space has temperature and humidity control, because it is designed to house chocolate. At the same time, the warehouse is aimed at easing our international transportation of commodities and as a consolidation center for goods shipped in and out of Eastern Europe and worldwide," Ion told *The Business Review*. Construction on the first warehouse began in June 1998, and was completed in November of last year, with the



office building following in March 1999. KH Dietrich saw to the architecture, while the construction work was done by Professional Construct in co-operation with a Canadian company. The total investment in the construction topped five million DEM, out of a total investment of seven million DEM, including finishings, facilities and equipment. "The warehouse is located close to Otopeni International ASirport, on the city's ring

road, which facilities the airport transportation of our company. The ring road is also convenient for our internal and international road transportation. It is close to the Otopeni cargo railway too," Irina Ion continued. The warehouse covered 4,000 sq m and is 10 meters in height, with shelves all around that can be operated both manually and mechanically. The warehouse has high standards confirmed by the presence of interior hydrants, a

sprinkler system, fire alarm, windows with automatic heat detector, suspended ceilings, ventilation and heating system, offices with telephone, fax and on-line connection with clients. The warehouse provides services such as re-packing, labeling, shrink foiling, order collection and delivery all over Romania. The underground level contains the archive hall, thermal plant, locker room, kitchen, dinnig room and showers. Offices for KH Dietrich and its customers are placed on the ground floor, while the first floor contains office space for rent. The second floor houses KHD Dietrich's financial department. "we didn't consider the possibility of renting such a warehouse. It is about a German investor's notion of meeting clients' needs exactly, as well as its own," Irina Ion concluded.

The most likely tenants for the available office space are the companies that KH Dietrich works with. The company currently has 150 employees and controls 120 trucks and containers traveling all over Europe and overseas. KH Dietrich provides shipping services worldwide on all means of transportation and full logistical services in Romania.

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