

Road Spirit Group visits Reynolds Logistics

• Belgian Transport & Logistics Group meets with reigning European Transport Company of the year 2012.

Road Spirit, the Belgian Group consisting of family owned and managed Transport and Logistics companies paid a visit to Ireland last month, spending some time with management and staff of Reynolds Logistics, the award winning bulk logistics transport company.

Established 85 years ago, Reynolds Logistics Ltd., proud recipients of the European Transport Company of the Year 2012, is one of the leading companies involved in the distribution of bulk fuels, lubricants, bitumens, specialist liquids and hazardous goods throughout Ireland, the UK and Europe.

The 15 member strong delegation were welcomed by Andrew Reynolds, Managing Director, Reynolds Logistics and Financial Director, Declan Maxwell upon arrival at the Gibson Hotel, Dublin for a lunch briefing. From there the group were coached (by Dualway) to Reynold's main Irish operation base at the Topez Terminal on the Alexandra Road at Dublin Port.

Later that afternoon, the group was presented with an overview and background of Reynold's business (which is now in its third generation).

Next morning, a special treat awaited – a call to see the special private collection of vintage cars at Mercedes-Benz Ireland's HQ on the Naas Road. While at the facility details of the Mercedes-Benz Actros was presented through representatives of Mercedes-Benz Belgium present, together with a guided tour of MUTEK, the main Mercedes-Benz Commercial Vehicle Dealership in Dublin.

On behalf of Road Spirit, its President Herwig Van Der Straeten, expressed their gratitude for the opportunity and complimented the hosts. "We want to again thank you for your much appreciated hospitality and for your willingness to spend quite some of your precious time to show us around and to explain your policies that have led to your Company being named European Transport Company of the Year 2012."

"As all of us are citizens of the EU, it has been interesting as well to discuss Ireland's actual status within the EU, which we are delighted to see improving dramatically since financial troubles caused a dip in economic activity."

He went on to explain the origins of Road Spirit, "The driving force our side (for many years) has been Jean-Marie Becker and his Staff. Mr. Becker runs a consulting and publishing company, specializing since several decades in Transport & Logistics. He is the one who created Road Spirit and managed to inspire often too individualistic entrepreneurs to look beyond their own companies in order to learn about quality and efficiency practices and policies of other actors."

"We hope Reynolds will keep up being successful and capable of further developing a sustainable and profitable business model. You no doubt have created the tools to do so," he concluded.

Andrew Reynolds commented on the visit, "We were delighted to host the Road Spirit group and inform them about our business. We discussed some of the things that are important to our operations including reliability of vehicles, light weight equipment, our IT systems and driver training. Also we had the opportunity to learn a bit about the visitors' business including the use of Eco-Combi vehicles in The Netherlands.

