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VersaCold acquires assets of Gary Heer Transport

Vancouver-based VersaCold Logistic Services, a Canadian supply chain solutions company focused exclusively on the handling of temperature-sensitive products, has acquired the assets of Calgary-based Gary Heer Transport Ltd.

Gary Heer Transport provides refrigerated truckload cross-border transportation services between Western Canada and the U.S. The asset acquisition marks VersaCold's entrance into the U.S. cross-border transportation market segment. It will also establish the company's newest subsidiary, VersaCold North America Transportation Solutions Limited (VNATS), which is set to launch in early 2016.

"This acquisition marks an exciting time of growth and service expansion at our company," says Douglas Harrison, president and CEO of VersaCold. "By offering cross-border transportation services through VNATS, we continue

to live our vision of being our customer's most trusted and reliable long-term partner by providing new and innovative solutions and services that enable them to achieve great business success."

"We are proud to join VersaCold and to be a part of a team that is not only the leader in its space, but the fastest growing," adds Gary Heer, president of Gary Heer Transport Ltd. "We are excited to combine our decades of experience and expertise to provide exceptional cross-border transportation services to customers across North America."

New truck safety rules in the works

Canada's federal government says it's working to implement new electronic-based safety regulations aimed at tackling

fatigue among truck and bus drivers, according to a February report from the Canadian Press.

These new regulations would require commercial truck and bus drivers to electronically record their hours behind the wheel with devices that automatically record driving time by monitoring engine hours, vehicle movement, kilometres driven and location information. This will be a huge change from the mandatory paper logs that have been in use since the 1930s. Transport Canada says the regulations would cover cross-border and interprovincial travel, and while the government doesn't commit to an implementation date, they have said they would aim to have these regulations in place at around the same time similar rules in the U.S. come into force in late 2017.

UniCarriers expands team



Karnitz



Brady



Beaulieu

Marengo, Ill.-based UniCarriers Americas Corporation has expanded its national accounts team by hiring **Tim Karnitz** as senior manager of national accounts, **David Brady** as national accounts manager and **Sean Beaulieu** as national accounts technical specialist.

PRODUCTSHOWCASE

Heavy duty

PowerJak Electric Pallet Trucks from Presto Lifts feature powered lift and powered drive for effortless transport of palletized loads in a wide variety of manufacturing, warehousing and retail applications. Two models are available with load capacities of 3,000 lb and 4,500 lb. They are equipped with heavy-duty reinforced forks that have a lowered height of 3.4 in. and raised height of up to eight inches. PowerJak Pallet Trucks are loaded with performance, reliability and safety features, while an ergonomically designed handle puts all controls within easy reach for maximum operator comfort and convenience. www.prestolifts.com



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