

PRESS RELEASE

AEB unveils new Time Slot Management solution

- Enables fully integrated planning of transport activities and improved efficiency in logistics



Leamington Spa, 21st November 2012 – Supply chain management solution provider AEB has announced the release of its new “Time Slot Management” software application as part of the ASSIST4 Visibility & Collaboration Platform. Time Slot Management enables fully integrated planning of transport activities including loading/unloading, shipping, and storage workflows. This in turn leads to more consistent use of loading dock capacities, shorter loading times, and better overall efficiency in logistics.

As part of the ASSIST4 logistics suite, AEB’s Time Slot Management solution facilitates the planning of loading dock activities and minimises wait times. What makes ASSIST4 unique is that – because ASSIST4 can also monitor and control the shipping, goods receipt, and warehouse processes – Time Slot Management not only optimises loading and unloading, but synchronises these steps with the relevant intralogistical processes. If for example a shipment has been picked and is ready for dispatch, ASSIST4 Transport & Freight Management and Warehouse Management can work together with Time Slot Management to organise the staging areas in the goods issue area of the warehouse, and coordinate the loading dock time slots.

The AEB solution also gives businesses an overview of all loading activities: Which forwarder booked which time slot? Which orders are expected at goods receipt? Once the truck has arrived with the goods, ASSIST4 shows at a glance which vehicle is waiting at which loading dock. Comprehensive reporting features help to assess wait times and capacities at the loading docks and the on-time performance of carriers.

Long wait times at the loading docks are not only frustrating for truck drivers; they’re also expensive for the carriers. Traffic jams and peak times are an annoyance to shippers: sometimes the pace is hectic, and sometimes the employees are waiting for work. Booking and tracking time slots early helps balance the load and reduce wait times.

Claire Umney, General Manager of AEB International, said: “AEB’s real strength is our end-to-end IT support of all logistics processes within a single supply chain management suite. Our Time Slot Management optimises traffic at the loading docks, and, combined with the ASSIST4 solutions Warehouse Management and Transport & Freight Management, provides smooth processes across the entire logistics chain.”

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About AEB GmbH

AEB is one of Europe's leading providers of supply chain logistics software and has been delivering solutions to customers for over thirty years. The company has over 5,000 customers worldwide and is headquartered in Stuttgart, Germany, supported by offices in the UK, Switzerland, Singapore and the US. AEB's core product - ASSIST4 - is the comprehensive solution suite for all logistics processes in global business.

ASSIST4 offers a complete set of business services for end-to-end logistics, including international goods movements, making it possible to standardise and automate business processes in supply chain execution. ASSIST4 also creates transparency and provides a reliable basis for making the right decisions about the planning, monitoring, control and continual optimisation of supply networks - even beyond the boundaries of the business.

The ASSIST4 suite offers full functionality via a wide range of modules including Visibility & Collaboration Platform, Order Management, Warehouse Management, Transport & Freight Management, Customs Management and Compliance & Risk Management.