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Third Party Distribution Centre Management

In late 2002 AGILISTICS undertook a strategic review on behalf of a client within the Automotive Industry. The strategic review identified a number of changes required within the distribution network, specifically focussing on the distribution centre.

The recommended changes within the distribution centre involved the appropriate profiling of customer orders and the subsequent zoning of all inventory. The changes within the distribution centre also included the implementation of relevant materials handling solutions to minimise OH&S issues and improve labour productivity.

In 2003 AGILISTICS began the physical implementation of the recommendations as defined in the initial report. This involved the hands on implementation of all recommendations defined in the initial report. As part of the AGILISTICS process the project was defined into implementation and installations phases. The installation phase involved the following:

- ❑ Allocate all inventory into the appropriate inventory categories
- ❑ Remove all dead and very slow moving inventory from the distribution facility
- ❑ Redesign and relocate all racking and storage devices within the distribution facility
- ❑ Apply modified distribution centre design
- ❑ Install and project manage the installation of both motor driven and gravity conveyors

This stage of the project was completed in 2 months. Following this AGILISTICS took on the ongoing operational management of the distribution centre via a dedicated distribution centre manager. This phase, defined by AGILISTICS as the installation phase involved the warehouse manager maintaining and completing the implementation process defined initially in the strategic review.

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The installation phase can be defined as covering the following areas;

- Ongoing tactical management of the redefined distribution centre processes
- Ongoing implementation of the recommendations defined in the strategic review

The benefit to the client of this process was that it allowed access to specific expertise within the logistics field whilst negating the risk associated with directly employing staff. Further to this the process allowed for AGILISTICS to guarantee the outcomes defined within the initial strategic review.

This model is one AGILISTICS deploy as part of the standard offer of services. The relationship between the client and AGILISTICS is long term and designed to offer both strategic and tactical business support.

AGILISTICS were able to tailor a staged implementation and installation plan which delivered results. We have found AGILISTICS to be forthright and honest in all of their dealings with us. The recommendations and ultimately the implementation were based upon sound and practical advice which was implemented by the Principals of AGILISTICS.

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