Kewill Supports humedica International Aid with Customs and Bonded Warehouse Solution

Automated Processes Offer Leading Charity Security and Speed of Moving Goods to Crisis Areas

September 1, 2015 – Chelmsford, Mass. and Bad Homburg, Germany – Kewill, a leading provider of innovative software for supply chain execution, today announced its support for humedica International Aid by providing comprehensive IT support for managing their distributed multi-site warehouse operation, including built-in transportation management and customs brokerage functions. During times of crisis and in natural disasters, speed of delivering aid is critical to saving lives, and getting aid to affected regions needs to happen quickly and efficiently. Kewill is providing the non-profit organization humedica International Aid with an integrated Customs and Bonded Warehouse solution, allowing them to maximize aid response while minimizing red-tape.

humedica, headquartered in the Bavarian town of Kaufbeuren, is an international humanitarian organization. With projects in more than 90 countries since it was founded in 1979, the organization’s emphasis is on disaster relief. Kewill Customs Germany makes it possible for this globally active aid organization to ship and clear customs for medication and other important relief items quickly and cost effectively, ensuring these goods are delivered into crisis areas such as Pakistan, Haiti or Nepal, or wherever help is needed most. Whether urgent food for Burundi, vital vaccines for the Philippines, hospital beds for Uganda or medical care for Ukraine - the relief organization humedica springs into action to aid in disaster regions.

"Response time is critical in the event of a disaster, and by using Kewill we can minimize storage times and ship goods faster,” said Hermann Schäffler, Head of Logistics at humedica. “For example, within a few minutes after a catastrophic earthquake is reported, our first responder teams will be shipped first aid kits, emergency kits, dressing materials, medication and depending on the conditions, food. We ship over 500 pounds of relief goods per year, making it essential that they get where they need to be, fast.”

Since 2009 humedica has been using Kewill’s Bonded Warehouse solution to secure medicine and other relief supplies, including wheelchairs and school materials. Safely storing and maintaining inventory for when the next disaster strikes allows humedica to be a first-responder in the region, avoiding lengthy customs and tax expenses that cause delays when time is of the essence.

"We are pleased to give back to those in need by supporting humedica on their mission,” said Andreas Heil, Vice President, Customs and Compliance Solutions at Kewill. “By providing them with a proven, cloud-based solution they have no need for building and maintaining their own IT infrastructure. Our customs experts work with humedica to minimize regulatory roadblocks allowing donations to reach affected areas quickly. We are delighted that we are able to support humedica in this important work.”

In addition to aid supplies, Kewill’s solution streamlines the expediting of industrial and medical equipment, laptops and satellite phones used by teams to set up operations in each region.

"We are grateful to Kewill for letting us use the software for free because it makes our job so much easier,” said humedica co-founder Wolfgang Groß. “With Kewill we have a partner at our side that really knows international customs and logistics processes, allowing us to focus on the core work of our charity.”

In conjunction to its disaster relief services, humedica offers hope and happiness to underprivileged children through their “Gift from the Heart” program, sending more than 90,000 Christmas presents to children in Eastern Europe. The Kewill solution facilitates the gathering and distribution of these gifts from more than 800 collection centers throughout Bavaria, which are then wrapped and prepared for shipment at the warehouse by humedica volunteers.
The Kewill SaaS-based, virtual warehouse solution uses a multi-stage inventory management system managed from several humedica sites. It also supports multiple currencies, time zones and languages which are a necessity for an international organization like humedica.

For more information on the work of humedica international aid and ways to donate, please visit: www.humedica.org.

About humedica International Aid

humedica e. V. headquartered in Kaufbeuren (Bavaria, Germany) is an international non-governmental organization (NGO). Carrying out projects in 90 countries worldwide since 1979, humedica provides humanitarian work with a focal point on medical aid. With the support of voluntary medical teams humedica administers quick and none the less efficient emergency and disaster aid. More than 500 people from the medical profession have themselves registered in the humedica-database following two training weekends and are ready to carry out a mission within a team at short notice. This commitment is complemented by mid- to long-term projects in the field of development cooperation, as amongst others in Niger, Sri Lanka, Haiti, Ethiopia or Brazil. A staff of 38 full-time and intermittently just under 200 voluntary employees are engaged at the German headquarters. Worldwide humedica is being supported by both voluntary aides as well as local cooperators of the respective project countries. This work’s entire objective is to be on the side of people who are in distress from disaster or structural poverty by making use of practical assistance and all other means possible. www.humedica.org

About Kewill

Kewill, a Francisco Partners portfolio company, is a global leader in multimodal transportation management software, providing organisations with a comprehensive end-to-end platform for managing the complexities of transportation, logistics and trade compliance. The Kewill MOVE® platform helps companies reduce costs, manage volatility and gain greater visibility across the logistics value chain. Trade, transport, store, comply, manage and integrate – the Kewill transportation management platform gives you the insight, agility and tools you need to deliver better customer service and streamline global supply chain execution for strategic advantage.

The Kewill platform supports supply chain execution activities for over 7,500 companies in more than 100 countries. To learn more about the company, visit www.kewill.com, follow us on Twitter @Kewill_Ltd or check our LinkedIn page for company updates. www.kewill.com

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