Press release

EWS Group Belgium acquires activities of Descroes and establishes PQF Group for container-related quarantine fumigations - *Pest control, gas measurement and related services integrated into EWS Group Belgium; container fumigations transferred to newly established PQF Group.*

Antwerp, 1 December 2025 - EWS Group Belgium announces that it has acquired the activities and assets of the Belgian company Descroes, effective 25 November 2025. The acquisition includes pest control services, gas measurement activities and various value-adding services performed within the logistics chain. All pest control and gas measurement services will now be carried out under EWS Group Belgium.

To manage all container-related quarantine fumigations, EWS Group Belgium has established a new specialised entity: PQF Group (Port Quarantine Fumigations). Gosselin Group is also participating in the new company, providing access to its extensive network, enabling PQF Group to offer a stronger and seamlessly connected service portfolio throughout the Port of Antwerp–Bruges area and its hinterland. PQF Group will operate fully neutral and autonomous in the market.

The acquisition includes the uninterrupted continuation of all ongoing assignments, quotations, and contracts. All Descroes employees will continue their activities within EWS Group Belgium and PQF Group, ensuring continuity of expertise, operations, and customer relationships. The combined expertise and infrastructure also enable further investment in modern facilities and operating systems that align with tightening European regulatory requirements.

New structure for pest control, gas measurement, and container fumigations

Through the integration of Descroes, pest control and gas measurement activities are incorporated into the existing divisions and operational processes of EWS Group Belgium. The container-related services, including internationally regulated quarantine fumigations, BMSB treatments, wood and wood-log fumigations as well as phytosanitary export procedures, are transferred to the newly established PQF Group.

This structure creates a clear distinction between regular pest control and gas measurement services on the one hand, and highly regulated fumigation procedures for containerised goods on the other. As a result, the Descroes brand will be discontinued.

Nationwide service expansion rooted in Antwerp

With the establishment of PQF Group, EWS Group Belgium strengthens its position within the Antwerp port area, one of Europe's most important logistics hubs. While Antwerp serves as the primary operational centre, PQF Group can offer a connected nationwide service thanks to access to a broad inland terminal network. PQF Group operates fully neutral and autonomous, serving customers across terminals and logistical locations throughout Belgium.

"By integrating pest control and gas measurement services into EWS Group Belgium and positioning quarantine fumigations within PQF Group, we have created a structure built for focus, specialisation and quality," says Joren Nieuwenhuizen, CEO of EWS Group. *"This step reinforces our presence in one of Europe's most strategic logistics regions and enables us to support port communities, shipping lines, terminals and competent authorities even more effectively."*

"In a logistics supply chain where time pressure, regulatory obligations and quality standards intersect, specialised capacity is essential," says Dirk Vanhoutteghem, Director Gosselin Group.

"For our customers, nothing changes in the way we collaborate," adds Thomas Vermeerbergen, Country Manager EWS Group Belgium and PQF Group *"They can now rely on the combined strength of the entire EWS network and the specialised expertise of PQF Group."*

About PQF Group

PQF Group (Port Quarantine Fumigations) is a specialised entity dedicated to quarantine fumigations and container-related phytosanitary treatments in the Port of Antwerp-Bruges area and the wider Belgian logistics region. PQF delivers compliant BMSB treatments, wood-log fumigations, and related export services for containerised goods. PQF Group operates fully neutrally in the market and is supported by the European expertise and quality standards of EWS Group.
www.pqf-group.com

About EWS Group

EWS Group is an international organisation specialised in pest control, fumigation, gas measurement, bio treatment, and maritime & logistics services. With locations across Europe, EWS Group supports businesses in meeting the highest standards of hygiene, safety, and sustainability.
www.ews-group.be

About Gosselin Group

Gosselin Group is an international logistics service provider headquartered in Antwerp. The company offers solutions in warehousing, freight forwarding, customs handling, project cargo, relocation

services, and other integrated supply chain activities. With more than 1,500 employees and operations in 34 countries, Gosselin supports customers worldwide with innovative, sustainable, and efficient logistics solutions.
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