



XPO Logistics Pilots Intelligent Reach Truck Technology in France

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GREENWICH, Conn., March 24, 2021 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [XPO Logistics Inc.](#) (NYSE: XPO), a leading global provider of transport and logistics solutions, has announced a new technology pilot program in collaboration with Balyo, a specialist developer of robotics for handling goods. XPO is the first logistics company in Europe to test Balyo's latest robotic reach truck under real-life conditions. The pilot is underway at an XPO distribution center near Blois, France.

Malcolm Wilson, XPO's chief executive officer – Europe, said, "We're pleased that our on-site tests will help optimize intelligent reach trucks for the logistics environment. As we pilot the robotics in our operations, we're also exploring these applications to increase efficiency for customers and to support our employees."

Pascal Rialland, chief executive officer at Balyo, said, "We're working closely with XPO to enhance our latest robotic reach technology for their state-of-the-art distribution centers. Our collaboration validates the performance of our autonomous robots in specific applications in order to deliver the greatest benefit to XPO's operations."

The robotic trucks in the pilot program have an overhead reach of up to 11 meters and can maneuver through aisles as narrow as 2.9 meters, while moving 10 to 20 pallets per hour, depending on the application. They operate safely in mixed facility settings, working alongside employees and traditional forklifts. Balyo develops its autonomous reach robots in collaboration with Linde Material Handling.

"The pilots leverage our longstanding relationship with XPO and our exciting partnership with Balyo," said Holger Böhme, vice president, international key accounts, Linde Material Handling. "Together, we're advancing efficient logistics operations and technologies to deliver significant benefits every day."

About XPO Logistics

XPO Logistics, Inc. (NYSE: XPO) provides cutting-edge supply chain solutions to the most successful companies in the world. The company is the second largest contract logistics provider and the second largest freight broker globally, and a top three less-than-truckload provider in North America. XPO uses a highly integrated network of 1,629 locations and over 100,000 employees in 30 countries to help more than 50,000 customers manage their supply chains most efficiently. The company's corporate headquarters are in Greenwich, Conn., USA, and its European headquarters are in Lyon, France. Visit [xpo.com](#) for more information, and connect with XPO on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#).

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