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BIBBY DISTRIBUTION RELISHES MIZKAN CONTRACT RENEWAL

Food manufacturer Mizkan Euro, which makes the iconic Branston Pickle, Hayward's Pickled Vegetables and Sarson's Vinegar, has renewed its warehousing and distribution contract with Bibby Distribution.

Under the contract, Bibby Distribution will store and transport approximately 12,000 pallets a month – equivalent to around two million jars of the manufacturer's famous pickles, vinegars and seasonings from its flagship Max Park facility in Corby to retailers and outlets across the country.

The 3PL's contract, originally won in 2013, was renewed on the basis of Bibby Distribution's performance over the past three years and a commitment to innovation and continuous improvement.

Bibby Distribution has successfully leveraged its network capacity to develop a shared user solution where products from multiple manufacturers are transported on the same load. This reduces the overall amount of product 'touches' during transport whilst maintaining reliable food safety.

Seb Jackson, Customer Logistics Manager at Mizkan Euro, says: "Bibby's flexibility and commitment to working collaboratively made the contract renewal an easy decision. Mizkan and Bibby are both family-owned businesses, each with more than 200 years' heritage. I'm confident that together we can find new solutions to surpass the expectations of our customers and support each other's growth whilst doing so."

Transport is predominately conducted on a day one for day three basis to ensure consistent stock flow. Bibby Distribution is also looking at ways in which transport can be further improved, with plans to introduce full electronic tracking and tracing of pallets to provide complete supply chain visibility.

The Mizkan Group is a privately-owned, Japanese business started in 1804, which is the number one Sushi seasoning supplier in the world. Headed by Kazuhide Nakano, Mizkan is a global business with more than 210 years' experience in

producing high quality products. Based in Handa City, Japan, it has a portfolio that includes vinegar, cooking wines, dressings, pickles and table sauces. The Group has operating facilities around the globe, including Japan, China, the UK, USA, Thailand, Singapore, Hong Kong and Taiwan.

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Notes to editors:

As one of the top ten logistics providers in the UK, Bibby Distribution exists to enable other companies to drive value from their supply chain activities. The company specialises in providing contract logistics, warehousing, distribution, systems integration and added value services to a wide range of customers.

Bibby Distribution operates from 90 locations across the UK, employs 2,500 people and manages 2million ft² of warehousing space.

The majority of Bibby Distribution's business is based on long-term partnerships. Its diverse capability also means it can share best practice across the various industry sectors it operates in, from Automotive to FMCG.

Bibby Distribution is part of Bibby Line Group (BLG), a diverse and forward-looking family business with over 200 years' experience of providing personal, responsive and flexible customer solutions. BLG is a £1.7bn business, operating in more than 20 countries, employing 6,500 people in industries including retail, offshore, finance, distribution, shipping, marine based businesses, plant hire and woodland burials.

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