



FLYING HIGH: Wilson James has been appointed logistics integrator for Heathrow Airport Limited (HAL). The five-year contract starts this month and includes the provision of construction logistics for Heathrow's £1.5bn development programme and operational support through the management and distribution of the airport's engineering materials. It includes the planning and operation of the Colnbrook Logistics Centre, which will act as the logistics and screening centre for construction activities at Heathrow.

The deal extends Wilson James's presence at Heathrow. It has acted as construction logistics integrator since 2008. Mark Dobson, chief executive at Wilson James, said: "We look forward to supporting HAL as its logistics integrator and helping it achieve its objectives in the next five years."

Turnover up 3.4% at Lloyd Fraser

Lloyd Fraser says it is in a strong financial position with healthy cash reserves following a 3.4% increase in turnover last year.

The logistics group, which specialises in fashion transport, bulk liquids and FMCGs, also increased pre-tax profit by 3.6% to almost £1.3m in the year ending 31 August 2013.

Turnover rose to £47.3m during the period, of which some £640,000 was derived from business in Europe.

The company said its future strategy will be to focus on its current business sectors and develop added value services to maintain its position in the market. "New contracts from new customers and our own improved efficiencies have contributed to our performance," said a spokesman for the company.

Lloyd Fraser has a fleet of more than 500 vehicles and employs 550 staff.

Worker broke thigh after falling from unguarded loading ramp

£11,000 fine for Yusen over fall

By Roger Brown

Yusen Logistics (UK) has been fined £11,000 after an agency worker was injured in a fall from a loading ramp at the firm's site on the Isle of Grain in Kent.

In a prosecution brought by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE), Medway Magistrates Court was told that the warehouse operative suffered a broken thigh bone when he fell 1.5m as he was helping to unload fridges from a trailer-mounted shipping container in November 2013.

The operative, aged 49 and from Sittingbourne, was unable to return to work for three months.

The court was told that the containers had to be unloaded while they were mounted on a trailer if they

arrived at the Thamesport site by road.

Containers that arrived by sea were unloaded at ground level.

An HSE investigation found that the workers were using a new unloading ramp that did not have the additional edge protection guarding that was fitted to the company's other two ramps.

This meant the injured man had limited protection at the top of the ramp while helping to unload the fridges.

Yusen was also ordered to pay £1,067 in costs after admitting a breach of the Work at Height Regulations 2005.

After the hearing, HSE Inspector Rob Hassell said: "This incident and the work-

er's subsequent painful injury were entirely preventable.

"Yusen Logistics failed to make sure the new ramp was fitted with additional edge protection, despite the fact it had two ramps with this type of essential guarding installed," he said.

"Employers should identify where additional edge protection should be provided to safeguard their employees and other workers and then take the necessary action," Hassell added.

A spokeswoman for Yusen Logistics (UK) said: "Yusen Logistics treats health and safety very seriously and has taken on board the comments from the HSE.

"The injured party has thankfully substantially recovered and has returned to work at the company."

Ocado opts for DC at Andover

Ocado has chosen Andover, Hampshire, as the location for its third DC as it looks to increase capacity nationwide.

Subject to planning permission, the online grocery delivery firm hopes to begin building the DC, which will be able to process 65,000 orders a week, in the final quarter of its current financial year.

In its half year accounts, Ocado said the site would require an extra £30m investment, on top of the £100m to upgrade its distribution network and vehicles revealed earlier this year.

It also hopes to complete the expansion of its Dordon, Warwickshire, DC later in 2014, which will enable it to process 180,000 orders a week at the site. So far this year Ocado has spent £4.4m on replacing and adding to its fleet.

Earlier this year the firm opened a site in Ruislip and plans to open two more in Enfield and Sheffield in 2014. They will all be shared with Morrisons as part of the contract it won last year.

Ocado has a DC in Hatfield, Hertfordshire, from which 70% of its orders are delivered.

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