



FACTS AND FIGURES

INDUSTRY

Transportation

NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES

1200

LOCATIONS

22

SOLUTIONS

Ultimo Fleet Management.

RESULTS

- New clear reports.
- Time saved with the link between Ultimo and Navision.
- More insight into working hours and the state of vehicles.

ULTIMO EAM SOFTWARE HELPS VAN MOER LOGISTICS.

FROM SOLE PROPRIETOR TO LOGISTICS GROUP.

Van Moer Logistics grew from a sole proprietor to a logistics group with about 1200 employees at 22 locations across Belgium. Their focus is on transport, distribution and warehousing. The transport company has about 420 trucks and 400,000 m2 of warehouse space. So it goes without saying that proper fleet and stock management are very important for Van Moer Logistics.

In the past, Van Moer Logistics kept track of its fleet management in Excel, but because of their significant growth, they could no longer keep this up. And there wasn't a good system for stock management and purchase yet. Digitising everything was not a simple process, but thanks to the modular solutions Ultimo offers, Van Moer was able to grow into it in steps. "Ultimo was the most comprehensive and flexible programme," Stefan Raes, Fleet Manager at Van Moer Logistics, explains.

'Ultimo offers the most options. You can purchase additional modules over time. You can build on to it.'

STEFAN RAES, FLEET MANAGER

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Van Moer Logistics company uses Ultimo for the maintenance of its fleet, reports and webshop. All 22 entities use the Self-Service module and webshop. Currently only the sites in Kallo and Zwijndrecht follow up their maintenance in Ultimo, but this will be expanded to other sites. They also intend to add a Facility solution in the future.

Fleet management: to measure is to know

Van Moer Transport maintains its fleet in Ultimo. To do so, the mechanics use blank work orders. They also use pre-filled work orders, but these are only used for accidents. When a mechanic starts a job, the barcode on the work order is scanned and their worked hours are registered. "This is mainly interesting for reporting purposes," according to Stefan Raes. "How many jobs are registered for a specific vehicle? Or how much time has been spent on a specific job?" The mechanic can also order articles on the basis of a work order. When a work order is approved, the parts are immediately included in the parts list of the vehicle. After approval, the work orders are then assessed by cost centre. If a work order has to be invoiced internally or to third parties, it first goes through Navision. The link between Ultimo and Navision was necessary for Van Moer. "The interface has everything related to the fleet," says Stefan Raes. "All technical data of the vehicle are sent to Navision. So all expiry dates, the chassis number, the fleet number, etc. The link between Ultimo and Navision saves us a lot of double work and therefore also time."

22 entities, 1 working method

The stock management at Van Moer Logistics is split into stock management through the webshop and stock management of parts for the garages. The webshop has a wide range of applications, such as for work materials, safety materials, packaging materials and office supplies, but all 22 entities do work in a uniform way. "Achieving a uniform way of working is one of our goals," we learn from Stefan Raes. "We are trying to work with one platform as much as possible." Van Moer Logistics has different locations and therefore different warehouses.

And these warehouses are in turn subdivided into different types. Stefan: "Thanks to a double barcode, one for the location and one for the article number, we always know from which warehouse an article was taken. That way, 95% of our stock matches reality."

Reports

Van Moer Logistics has their own reporting service that retrieves certain data from Ultimo. Think of a monthly cost overview of all tractors, a report with all jobs for Van Moer Transport or an overview to see when the tractors need to be replaced. "This gives us perfect insight into how much a specific cost centre cost us in damages, maintenance, repairs, etc. and even allows us to extract budgets," says Raes. And these reports are also useful for safety checks of the fleet. "All information is easy to request and the history is easily demonstrable." "Especially for ADR checks it is useful to have all information in one system." Every vehicle that transports hazardous goods has to have certain inspection certificates. The certificates are stored in the vehicle and in Ultimo. "That way we also have the necessary information available for ADR checks, even when a vehicle is on the road."

Future

In the near future, the webshop of Van Moer Logistics will grow even further. Stefan: "We are going to divide the webshop into 2 branches; consumables for the entire group and IT materials." They would also like to be able to work more on the go, especially for the future facility solution. "For example, the maintenance mechanic responsible for the maintenance of fire extinguishers, gates, roads, etc. can follow a maintenance route on their smartphone," Stefan Raes explains. Quality and safety are top priorities for Van Moer Logistics, but a facility solution is also on their wish list.

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