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First Bosch Secure Truck Parking location in France Booking platform for truck parking lots cooperates with C4T in Calais

- ▶ Bosch platform expands its presence in Europe
- ▶ Trucking companies can reserve secure truck parking spaces in Calais
- ▶ Suitable measures implemented to prevent the spread of Coronavirus: contactless entry, take-away food, open shop and clean washroom facilities

Frankfurt am Main, Germany and Calais, France – Bosch Secure Truck Parking, the digital booking platform for truck parking spaces, now has its first location in France: forwarding companies can reserve secure parking spaces in Calais with immediate effect. To do this, Bosch Service Solutions (the company behind the platform) is cooperating with the C4T Calais service area. Calais is an important hub for the movement of goods in Europe. "The port of Calais and the Channel Tunnel form the conduits through which the majority of road freight transport between the UK and mainland Europe travels," says Dr. Jan-Philipp Weers, Head of Bosch Secure Truck Parking. "Now that we have our first location in France, we are delighted to be able to provide secure parking spaces at such an important transport hub."

Maximum security

As parking spaces for trucks are generally scarce, the security of truck drivers and other transport personnel and their freight is often not guaranteed. According to estimates, Europe alone has a shortage of 400,000 secure parking spaces. Stolen goods and accidents caused by incorrectly parked trucks are problems for the logistics industry. Bosch Secure Truck Parking offers a remedy to these problems, as Bosch's partners provide parking spaces in secure parking lots. This allows truck drivers to park their vehicles in compliance with the traffic rules and also protects against theft. The parking lot at the C4T Calais recently received the security certification TAPA at PSR Level 3. It is fenced, illuminated and monitored by cameras. In addition,

security staff and dogs are present there 24 hours a day. It means that truck drivers can relax and enjoy their rest breaks without having to worry about their goods.

Simple, contactless process

Thanks to Bosch Secure Truck Parking, forwarding company dispatchers and truck drivers can now easily reserve parking spaces at C4T. The dispatcher can reserve a parking space for their driver when planning the route or the driver can handle it him/herself using an app – this is often done shortly before they arrive at the parking lot. Both the reservation and the payment process are automated and contactless: a camera records the license plate at the entrance and, if a reservation has been made, the truck can enter the parking lot contactlessly. The truck driver does not need to worry about payment. Truck companies that have registered with Bosch Secure Truck Parking simply receive a collective invoice for their reservations at the end of each month. This reduces not only the workload but also any possible contact between individuals, which should be avoided, particularly at a time when Coronavirus is a risk.

Functioning infrastructure now particularly important

Additional needs are also catered for – even now during the Corona pandemic. As freight traffic continues to cross national borders, it is very important that rest stops maintain their operations to provide truck drivers with basic services. This is fully guaranteed at C4T. In addition to a fuels station, C4T Calais also has a restaurant, shop and clean, modern washroom facilities. The operator has increased hygiene measures, e.g. by a higher frequency of cleaning and disinfecting door handles, and implemented measures to ensure social distancing, in order to minimize the risk of infection for drivers and staff. During the Coronavirus pandemic, the fuel station and washroom facilities are open as normal; the shop is operating reduced opening hours. In the restaurant, truck drivers can buy meals to take away and eat in their vehicle. "As a consequence of the lockdown in France, there are mainly trucks on highways around Calais at the moment," reports Stuart Madden, COO of C4T Group. "These are running as normal between the UK and the EU, providing people with essential goods, such as food and medicines. We are pleased to be making an important contribution, together with Bosch, to this flow of goods with our secure truck parking facility and to be able to continue to provide a quality service to essential workers - truck drivers - at this difficult time."

Caption: As of now dispatcher and truck drivers can book secure truck parking spaces in Calais, France, via Bosch Secure Truck Parking.

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