



# SWIRE COLD STORAGE

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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Swire Cold Storage opens state-of-the-art Laverton warehouse expansion**

Leading Australian cold-chain logistics solutions company Swire Cold Storage announced it is today opening a state-of-the-art, \$30 million expansion at its Laverton site, making it the largest temperature-controlled facility under one roof in the southern hemisphere.

The opening will be officiated by Wyndham City Council Mayor Bob Fairclough, John Swire and Sons Chairman and CEO Bill Rothery and Swire Cold Storage Managing Director Shane Moloughney.

The new facility, located at 60-68 William Angliss Drive, Laverton North, has been built with best-practice safety and sustainability central to its design.

Managing Director Shane Moloughney said: "The safety of our people and efficient use of resources is paramount to our business. As such, the facility has been built with best-practice pedestrian and safety infrastructure, with features such as an overhead pedestrian walkway, a one-way truck ring road and integrated vehicle mass load control to mitigate risk and provide a safe work environment.

"We have added an additional 500,000 litres of water harvesting capacity, taking the total capacity to 1 million litres, which is enough to supply 40 per cent of our usage.

"Inside we have installed state-of-the-art ammonia refrigeration, and a range of energy efficiency innovations, such as smart LED lighting, all of which reduce the burden on precious energy and water resources and lessen our carbon footprint."

The expansion includes an additional 30,000 pallet spaces and 19 loading docks, taking the total building footprint to 31.670 square metres (nearly 1.5 times the grassed area of the MCG). The original half of the facility was built in 2008.

The expanded facility will also generate an additional 40 jobs for the local community, bringing the total number of employees at the site to 80.

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#### **Note to editors:**

Photographs of the opening and of the facility will be available after the opening on Wednesday, 22 October. If you would like to receive photos or would like additional information, please contact: Diana Krause, Communications Manager, 0420 959 942, [dkrause@swire.com.au](mailto:dkrause@swire.com.au)

## **About Swire Cold Storage**

Swire Cold Storage is a leading Australian provider of cold-chain logistics services and supply chain solutions, offering temperature-controlled warehousing, refrigerated transport and distribution services to a broad range of businesses.

Operating a network of temperature-controlled facilities across Australia, the company sites total in excess of 68 million cubic feet, or 300,000 pallet spaces of refrigerated storage, ranging from fully automated high-rise stores to traditional manual facilities utilising advanced integrated warehouse and transport technologies. Swire Cold Storage supports these facilities with a modern fleet of refrigerated vehicles and trailers operating under the Frigmobile brand.

Swire Cold Storage customers and partners include leading Australian and international food producers, distributors and retailers as well as export bulk commodity clients, beverage and pharmaceutical products. In order to accommodate the range of requirements and services to support varied supply chain needs, Swire Cold Storage can offer services ranging from automated blast freezing and sortation, chilled and frozen storage, cross-dock order picking, value added logistic services, consolidation and import/export management programmes and partner dedicated tailored facilities.

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