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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

# **Costa Logistics expands national footprint**

One of Australia's leading third party logistics providers, Costa Logistics, will expand its national footprint after leasing a temperature controlled storage site in suburban Brisbane.

The vacant site at Morningside will add 3,500 square metres of high quality chilled and temperature controlled warehousing space to the company's growing national footprint.

Costa Logistics operates:

- 14,000 square metres in Eastern Creek in Sydney
- 15,500 square metres at Derrimut on the outskirts of Melbourne
- 6,500 square metres at Jandakot in Perth
- 3,500 square metres in Devonport in Tasmania

Costa is also involved with a 44,000 square metre chilled distribution centre in Parkinson, 24 kilometres from the Brisbane CBD and a 45,000 square metre facility at Truganina in Melbourne in a joint venture under the Polar Fresh brand.

Costa Logistics Chief Operating Officer Geoff Norman said the leasing of the Brisbane space was part of the company's national growth strategy.

"This is a major move for Costa Logistics and will further cement our position as a high quality and high tech perishable foods national warehousing solutions provider," he said.

"Expanding into Queensland was a natural progression in the company's growth plans. We can offer companies in Brisbane a high-tech, high-quality service and we will be promoting that quite extensively through an aggressive marketing strategy in Queensland."

Costa Logistics takes over the Morningside premises on April 1 and anticipates that the acquisition will result in the creation of up to 40 jobs within the company over the next three years. The additional jobs would include personnel transfer from smaller companies outsourcing their logistics business to Costa Logistics.

The company intends to target high throughput, high volume manufacturers, food service providers and producers of fresh produce, juices, dairy products, confectionary and other foods.

“We have already secured deals with a wide number of customers and have also had several expressions of interest from both existing and potential customers,” Mr Norman said.

The Queensland sites will be operated using technology employed at all Costa Logistics’ sites – the Manhattan warehouse management system software and the SCI client data interface tool.

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#### **About Costa Logistics**

Costa Logistics is one of Australia’s leading supply chain organisations working with supermarkets, manufacturers, growers and importers. Its expertise is in the development and management of supply chain solutions for temperature controlled and ambient products.

It has major distribution centres in Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Perth and Devonport utilised by major manufacturers and retailers. Costa Logistics has built its reputation on class-leading safety and a unique culture built on values, safety and satisfaction. Costa Logistics is a division of the Costa Group of Companies. The Costa Group is one of Australia’s largest diversified family companies with operations in grain and fresh produce as well as third party logistics. It has annual revenue of \$1.4 billion and more than 8,000 employees in nearly 50 locations around the country. For more information go to [www.costalogistics.com.au](http://www.costalogistics.com.au)