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TMG closes DistriQ Transport

TMG Distributie, a subsidiary of Telegraaf Media Groep NV, plans to completely outsource the transport of its daily newspapers from 1 December 2010. This will mean the termination of the transport company DistriQ Transport, owned by TMG Distributie.

DistriQ Transport delivers TMG newspapers from the printers to transshipment centres and depots. An important part of this task has already been outsourced. DistriQ Transport also provides transport for a number of external clients.

In recent years, four of the five original sites of DistriQ Transport have been closed. Today, TMG Distributie submitted a request for advice to the Works Council concerning the closure of the last site in Amsterdam. The move to terminate the company's independent transport activities has become inevitable. Some of the work has ceased and it has not been possible at the same time to reduce the costs sufficiently. Nor has it proved possible to sell the current transport activities.

There are around 50 employees working at DistriQ Transport. Once this decision has been finalised, these positions will become redundant and the employees involved will be subject to the redundancy scheme contained in the currently valid Social Plan. The unions are informed about the above. In the future the part of TMG Distributie responsible for the home delivery of the newspapers will also become responsible for the coordination of the transport activities.

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