

## Press Release

### Ahlers Logistics and Azurite Group Sign Strategic Cooperation Agreement to Strengthen Activities Along the Middle Corridor

**Antwerp and Almaty, March 13, 2026** – Ahlers Logistics signed a strategic cooperation agreement today in Almaty, Kazakhstan, with Azurite Group, aimed at strengthening their joint business activities across Europe, Central Asia, and the Caucasus. The partnership reflects both companies' commitment to expanding their presence along the Middle Corridor and delivering high-quality logistics solutions across this rapidly developing trade route.



Johan Vanderplaetse, Chairman of the Board (Ahlers Logistics), and Daniyal Sarsembenov, CEO (Azurite Group)

The cooperation is designed to leverage the strong synergies between the two organizations, unlock new market opportunities, and support mutual growth across these regions. By combining their expertise, regional networks, and operational capabilities, Ahlers Logistics and Azurite Group aim to enhance their service offerings and provide more flexibility to customers operating across Eurasian supply chains.

Through this collaboration, the companies will further strengthen their capabilities along the Middle Corridor, an increasingly important transport and trade route, connecting Europe with Central Asia and the Caucasus.

Dave van den Bos, CEO of Ahlers Logistics, commented: «By joining forces with Azurite Group, we are combining strong regional expertise and global best practices with a shared ambition to grow in this market. This cooperation enables us to further strengthen our presence along the Middle Corridor and create long-term value for our customers and partners in the region.»

Daniyal Sarsembenov, CEO of Azurite Group: «At Azurite, we take pride in our strong local presence across the Middle Corridor, which allows us to manage logistics with reliability

and precision. We are pleased to partner with Ahlers Logistics, a trusted partner in the European market. Together, we aim to make supply chains along the corridor more efficient and better coordinated for our clients.»

Both companies view the agreement as an important step toward building a stronger logistics ecosystem across Eurasia while supporting the increasing demand for reliable and diversified transport routes.

### **About Ahlers Logistics**

Founded in 1909 and headquartered in the port of Antwerp, Belgium, Ahlers is an international logistics company specializing in secured transport, project cargo, warehousing, on-site logistics, trade facilitation, and complex supply chain solutions. With operations in over 15 countries, including Belgium, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, China, Vietnam, USA and others. Ahlers supports customers across the world with tailored, reliable, and sustainable logistics services.

### **About Azurite Group**

Azurite Group, founded in Almaty, Kazakhstan, ten years ago, operates across Europe, Central Asia, the Caspian region, Türkiye and China along the Middle Corridor. The company is one of the leading transportation and logistics operators along the route. Built on regional insight and global ambition, Azurite has developed a network of 12 offices across 8 countries and continues to expand its presence while strengthening local expertise and strategic foresight.

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