

Launch of new book

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When recently asked what are three ways to reduce cost within a warehouse? Gwynne Richards, a logistics and supply chain consultant and trainer, replied with the following:

- Carry out regular training and ensure that all staff are competent and multi-skilled
- Carry out an ABC analysis to ensure that fast moving goods are nearest the despatch area and that goods that often despatch together are placed next to each other. This should increase productivity by reducing travel time significantly.
- Finally reduce the energy consumption within the warehouse by switching to low energy lights and only having lights on when necessary.

These ideas along with many others are featured in a new book written on Warehouse Management which is due to be released in June 2011.

Warehouse Management, A complete guide to improving efficiency and minimizing costs in the modern warehouse, by Gwynne Richards, examines best practice in warehouse operations.

Covering everything from the latest technological advances, including robotics, to current Health and Safety legislation, this book provides an indispensable companion to the modern warehouse. Supported by numerous case studies, the text considers the many aspects of warehouse management, including processes, cost reduction, productivity, people management and warehouse design.

With helpful tools, hints and up-to-date information, Warehouse Management provides an invaluable resource for anyone looking to streamline their supply chain, reduce costs and boost productivity.

The book suggests ways to simplify processes and ensure that all elements of the supply chain are synchronised.

The author suggests that the warehouse should not be operated in isolation and that communication and cooperation should exist between procurement, the warehouse, transportation and sales.

Today's warehouses have become an integral part of the modern supply chain, involving the sourcing, production and distribution of goods. Their effective management is vital in minimizing costs and ensuring the efficient running of the supply chain.

The book, which is published by Kogan Page, can be pre-ordered from Amazon.

http://www.amazon.co.uk/Warehouse-Management-Improving-Efficiency-Minimizing/dp/0749460741/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1304721246&sr=8-1

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