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SYMBION INVESTS IN INDUSTRY'S FUTURE WITH OPENING OF NEW \$40m HI-TECH FACILITY



Market leader **Symbion** has opened a new \$40m distribution facility in Melbourne, further underlining its commitment to Australia's pharmacy industry.

The 12,000m² facility in Keysborough in Melbourne's south-east was officially opened today by the Hon. Peter Dutton MP, Minister for Health together with Rick Christie (Chairman) and Patrick Davies (CEO) of EBOS Group Limited, the parent company of Symbion.

Featuring the latest in global warehousing and distribution technology, the facility can move more than 10,000 units of medicine every hour.

The Keysborough distribution facility is strategically located to further enhance Symbion's ability to service its 750 pharmacy and 160 hospital customers across Victoria every day.

"The technology we have incorporated into this facility is designed to increase efficiency for us and our customers and to support and respond to the future demands of Australia's healthcare landscape," said Patrick Davies, CEO of EBOS Group Limited.

"It also demonstrates our belief in the pharmacy industry in Australia.

"The facility is a shining example of the industry's potential, creating a sense of certainty in a market where there is a lot of uncertainty."

Technology used within the Keysborough facility includes:

- An **A-frame Order Assembly** which dispenses products at extremely high speeds;
- **Automatic Miniload Cranes** which restock the picking areas as needed, retrieving storage totes from high density 11m-high storage racks; and
- A **Goods-to-Person Carousel System** which automatically collects these storage totes and delivers them, with the relevant customer orders, straight to the operators.

A fleet of 70 vehicles distributes the medicines across Victoria, making in excess of 500 deliveries per day.

“This is an important day for EBOS and Symbion and for our fantastic team of people who are committed to supporting our customers in the care of their communities,” Mr Davies said.

“It’s something we are all passionate about, and this new facility is an example of that total commitment.”



The official opening of the Symbion Keysborough distribution facility.

From left - Patrick Davies (CEO EBOS Group Ltd), Rick Christie (Chairman, EBOS Group Ltd), and the Hon. Peter Dutton MP, Minister for Health.



Symbion Keysborough distribution facility site tour.

From left - Rick Christie (Chairman, EBOS Group Ltd), Patrick Davies (CEO, EBOS Group Ltd), the Hon. Peter Dutton MP, Minister for Health, Andrew Bosnjak (Symbion State Operations Manager VIC) and Simon Bunde (General Manager, Group Operations & Strategy, EBOS Group Ltd).



Symbion is a wholly-owned subsidiary of EBOS Group Limited (NZX/ASX Code: EBO), the largest and most diversified Australasian marketer, wholesaler and distributor of healthcare, medical and pharmaceutical products. EBOS Group is also a leading Australasian animal care products marketer and distributor.