

press release



USG subsidiary Short Track integrated in Unique Uitzendburo

Almere, 2 December 2003. United Services Group N.V. (USG) announces that the temporary employment business Short Track, which operates regionally in the Netherlands, will be integrated in the operating company Unique Uitzendburo, effective 1 January 2004.

An important reason for this is that the temporary employment market has undergone rapid change in recent years and can be covered more effectively from Unique, which is a large organisation with nationwide coverage and a well-established name.

Moreover, Short Track's activities match almost seamlessly with Unique's, and this is important for both customers and temp-staff.

Effective 1 January 2004, the 75 personnel of Short Track, at its 22 branches will enter the employment of Unique and will continue to be directly involved in providing services to their customers and temp-staff.

It is reasonable to expect that downscaling the combined number of branches in addition to lower marketing expenses will reduce costs during the course of 2004.

Profile United Services Group

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