

Project Logistics

for a 10 hectare Tomato Greenhouse

Easy logistics projects are not in Toll Global Forwarding's vocabulary. The team relishes complex problems, bringing together odd sized shipments from around the world and delivering on-time and on-budget every time. Their latest efforts are no different.

When Dutch greenhouse builder, Van Der Hoeven won a contract for the stage two expansion of the D'Vine Ripe Two Wells Greenhouse in South Australia, they called on Toll Global Forwarding to manage the logistics challenge.

Construction materials were loaded into shipping containers at the factory in the Netherlands, and transported to Australia over a seven month period.

Toll Global Forwarding was instrumental in project managing these and pulling all of the elements of the project together. The logistics requirements included:

- International transportation of 218 shipping containers via ocean. This was managed by the Toll Global Forwarding office in Rotterdam.
- Customs and quarantine clearance of import shipments into Australia, on behalf of the greenhouse owner Como Glasshouse.
- Lodgement of seven tariff concession applications resulting in duty savings of more than \$300K.
- Temporary imports of construction tools and equipment.
- Road transport of shipping containers from Outer Harbour wharf in Adelaide, to Two Wells construction site.
- Multiple interstate repositioning of large machinery.
- Handling and express delivery of urgent export and import air freight consignments.
- Road transport of an over-width, over-height boiler to Two Wells.



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Toll Global Forwarding's Operations Manager, Dave Batchelor said, "TGF worked closely with the Van Der Hoeven factory in the Netherlands and local construction teams to execute the logistics plan with precision. Working with the resources of other Toll business units, including Toll Auto, Toll Express and Toll Tasmania, the job was a great success.

"The timeline was tight and delivery needs were significant. The project was challenging as we had to work with a dynamic construction environment and changing weather conditions.

"However the team did really well. I'd like to highlight the work Terry Soukoulis and the team from Toll Auto did. They performed extremely well with the high container volumes, from a wharf cartage perspective, to help us to achieve excellent customer satisfaction."

Arthur Tsalamangos, Van Der Hoeven site supervisor was extremely pleased with Toll's efforts. He said, "Toll did a great job managing the logistics particularly considering all the delays we had with vessels and special mention to Mark Spencer, Toll Global Forwarding's cartage coordinator, who worked to ensure urgent delivery of containers as soon as they were available from the wharf."



The A\$25 million expansion at Two Wells once complete will create up to 120 new jobs and double production making it the second largest greenhouse in Australia and capable of growing an additional 10,000 tonnes of tomatoes per year.

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