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Mark-It Express Logistics Acquires Chicago-Based Spirit Trucking Company

Lemont, Illinois – January 17, 2020 – Mark-It Express Logistics LLC (“Mark-It”), a leading Midwest intermodal trucking and freight brokerage company, announced today that it has acquired the operating assets of Spirit Trucking Company (“Spirit”) based in Chicago. Terms of the transaction were not disclosed.

Spirit’s successful run of over 40 years and the highly regarded reputation it has developed stem from its industry expertise, strong relationships with its customers and team-focused culture. It has developed some of the leading and preeminent operating “next practices” in the way it optimizes container moves that benefit its customers and drivers.

Robert Denton, President of Spirit, selected Mark-It as the best choice and fit to continue the leadership of the company he founded in 1979.

Mark-It, founded in 2009 and recently named to Crain Chicago’s Fast 50 for the second time and INC. 5000 for the fourth time, offers a full array of third-party logistics and intermodal logistics solutions, including local and regional drayage and yard services. The Company operates three terminals in Lemont, Illinois, Detroit Michigan, and Kansas City, Kansas. Mark-It also provides a complete scope of multi-modal freight brokerage services with the expertise for helping customers optimize the management of their supply chain, including many customers requiring a temperaturecontrolled solution.

Tony Apa, President and Founder of Mark-It, said that “Bob felt Mark-It was the best combination of culture and fit to continue Spirit’s history of outstanding service for its customers and remarkable employee satisfaction that has led to best-in-class retention levels of drivers and office personnel.” All Spirit employees will remain with the organization moving forward.

Apa said that “with the Spirit strategic acquisition, our satellite terminals in Detroit, Kansas City and several drop lots in the Chicago area used to park power units, containers and chassis will have significantly increased capacity to service our customers and reduce their costs by having equipment closer to their needs and lowering their overall fuel and labor costs.”

According to Apa, his customers are demanding more capacity and, with the high level of technology deployed in his operations, Mark-It has become very efficient and successful in recruiting and keeping drivers. The company’s technology capabilities include real-time tracking and reporting of container locations, instant proof of delivery capability and customer online portal access to timesensitive data and information on their freight.

With a combined total of 175 trucks, Mark-It will be able to provide additional capacity and enhanced solutions to drive value for customers, drivers and supply chain partners.

Apa said, “We see a great deal of opportunities to gain market share in this region as well as elsewhere to offer expanded services to our existing international customer base.”

Mark-It was advised by Republic Partners, LLC, who also arranged financing for the transaction, and Horwood Marcus & Berk Chartered.

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