

Press release

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Kirby and Beijer Ref Australia revolutionise operations with a new purpose-built facility in Bankstown Airport, NSW.

Leading Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration equipment manufacturer and wholesale distribution businesses Kirby and Beijer Ref Australia have committed to a 10-year lease on a new \$48 million purpose-built industrial property at Altitude, Bankstown Airport, NSW. Kirby and Beijer Ref Australia partnered with specialist property and supply chain firm TM Insight on the design, property procurement and delivery of this new facility. The development is managed by Altis Property Partners, and owned by Bankstown Airport Limited.

The new 22,000-square-metre purpose built manufacturing and distribution centre on Tower Rd, Bankstown Airport will be situated on a 40,000-square-metre site area. It will include 1,400-square-metres of office space for both business's Australia headquarters.

Paul Campbell, Director of Operations at Kirby, says, "This new facility will help us to deliver our business strategies and objectives in Australia, acting as our main manufacturing facility, distribution centre and corporate headquarters."

"We needed a proven technical partner who could guide us from design and concept to commissioning, and moving in. TM Insight's experience in end-to-end design, property procurement and delivery solution helped us bring our vision to life," he adds.

TM Insight worked alongside Kirby and Beijer Ref Australia to review their operational requirements, design a bespoke supply chain solution and select the location for the new site. TM Insight will now also project manage the building of the new facility with Altis Property Partners.

Adam McDonald, Director of Projects at TM Insight, says, "The new purpose-built facility will revolutionise Kirby and Beijer Ref Australia's operations and propel them into the future, as they upgrade from Kirby's current campus-style premises in Milperra, which was built in the 1960s. Bankstown Airport is a prime location for the business, due to its close proximity to the M5 and M7 motorways and local amenities."

“This new development will enhance the service offering to their customers and allow for greater operational efficiencies by consolidating the workplace into a single building with sustainable practices,” he adds.

Key features of the new distribution centre include a 5-star green star design, which will include a 250 kilowatt solar panel installation and a 50,000 litre rainwater harvesting system.

Lee de Winton, CEO Sydney Metro Airports said she was delighted to welcome Kirby and Beijer Ref Australia to the new Altitude Precinct. This is part of the airport strategy to grow employment in the area to meet the needs of the vibrant, expanding Western Sydney Community.

Joseph Ajaka, Project Director at Altis Property Partners, says, “We are excited to kick off Altitude with Kirby, a brand with strong ties to the South Western industrial market, that will take advantage of being located within the inner ring of Sydney”.

Kirby was acquired by a global Swedish refrigeration and air-conditioning manufacturing/distribution business Beijer Ref AB in May last year and the new facility will be one of Beijer Ref’s global showpieces, and is expected to be operational by November 2020.

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