

STRATEGIC INVESTMENT IN VALUABLE GOODS LOGISTICS

Brink's, the Global Leader in Valuables Logistics is in AHL Free Zone

Offering domestic and international transportation services for valuables to local and international banks, gold exchange members, jewelry stores and retail chains across Turkey, Global leader Brink's launched its new facility with an investment in AHL Free Zone. With this new investment safely secured, Turkey now emerges on the international world stage as a competitor to strategic valuable goods export and vault hubs in Dubai, Zurich, London and New York.

The global giant, Brink's, launched its operations in Turkey back in 1998 with a wholly owned subsidiary; Brink's Güvenlik Hizmetleri Inc., which offers "Valuable Goods Logistics Service" to banks and financial organizations, mining companies, retail industry, jewelry industry and many more private or government organizations worldwide.

The new valuable goods logistics facility, established in coordination with ISPAT in AHL Free Zone, was opened by **ISPAT VP Ahmet Burak Dağlıođlu; Ođuzhan Alođlu, Director, Precious Metals and Diamond Markets (PM&DM), Borsa Istanbul; Ishay Zwickel, Vice President, Brink's Güvenlik Hizmetleri Inc. and Hasan Ökten, General Manager, Brink's Güvenlik Hizmetleri Inc.**

ISPAT's VP Ahmet Burak Dağlıođlu noted that his Agency worked very closely with Brink's, *"It's been a remarkable development that since 2002, international corporations have begun to pick Turkey as a regional hub for their operations such as manufacturing, management, R&D, and logistics. Turkey's increasing role as a regional hub is certainly the result of the vision put forth by our President on top of other related strategies. The most important steps taken to enhance our role as a regional hub have been the dozens of investments implemented by our Prime Minister, especially during his time as the Minister of Transport, Maritime Affairs and Communications. This is how we, at ISPAT, view the investment by Brink's. We believe that this facility we are opening today will further propel Istanbul into its new role as a regional hub for finance and logistics."*

Borsa Istanbul's PM&DM Director Oğuzhan Alođlu pointed out that this strategic investment by Brink's would allow faster and easier trading on the international stage by Istanbul Gold Exchange (IGE) members, and is set to channel an increased trading volume in precious metals and diamond into Turkey.

Brink's Güvenlik Hizmetleri Inc .General Manager Hasan Ökten commented on their investment in AHL Free Zone, *"Our company operates within the scope of the Law No: 5188 regarding Private Security Services. As Brink's Güvenlik Hizmetleri Inc. we have based vaults in five cities: Istanbul, Ankara, Izmir, Antalya, and Adana. Our company is continuing its investments in Turkey to diversify its services in the country and develop solutions that will create added value in Valuables Logistics for Turkey. To that end, we have invested in a facility in AHL Free Zone and opened a new branch for lines of work that start in Turkey and end abroad or vice versa, in order to bring the added value gained abroad to Turkey and increase employment opportunities in Turkey. I would like to thank all ISPAT team members for their support throughout this process."*

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About Brink's

Founded in 1859 in the USA, Brink's is a worldwide leader in the area of providing secure logistics services that has grown today to serve an extensive portfolio of customers through more than 1,000 branches in as many as 120 countries, with nearly 70,000 employees and a fleet of over 13,000 armored vehicles. Brink's is also listed in the New York Stock Exchange under the stock symbol "BCO".

About ISPAT

Turkish Republic Prime Ministry Investment Support and Promotion Agency (ISPAT) provides foreign investors eyeing Turkey as a potential investment destination with any support necessary to launch their investments. It reports directly to the Prime Minister. With its expert services that can be tailored to different needs of businesses, ISPAT maximizes the achievements of international investors with an investment in Turkey. ISPAT provides the necessary support and latest information for international investors looking to start a new investment or increase their existing investment in Turkey. ISPAT offers services that provide added value in many key areas to optimize the conditions for projects from foreign investors. For detailed information, please visit www.invest.gov.tr.