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Standard Forwarding Freight, LLC, purchased Standard Forwarding, LLC from DHL -Expanding Regional Midwest, Next-day LTL Capabilities to Better Serve the Market

**Tucker, GA** – SAKAEM Holdings, Inc. and its newly formed subsidiary, Standard Forwarding Freight, are proud to announce the asset sale acquisition of Standard Forwarding, a well-established, 91-year-old regional LTL trucking company in the Midwest, from DHL. This strategic move offers shippers a strong regional trucking option, delivering best-in-class next-day and second-day freight services while reinforcing a commitment to innovation, service excellence and customer satisfaction.

The acquisition reinforces Standard Forwarding Freight's position in the Midwest by optimizing its 14-terminal infrastructure, leveraging its deep regional expertise and strengthening long-standing customer relationships. This strategic move enhances service offerings, increases operational efficiency and supports future growth initiatives.

"We know that customers want simplicity. Speed and reliability are table stakes in the Midwest regional footprint. Our goal is to make shipping easy for our customers – through every step of the customer experience" said Tim McKinstry, President of Standard Forwarding Freight, LLC. "Standard Forwarding Freight is the new name in dependable and innovative freight solutions."

## About Standard Forwarding Freight, LLC

Standard Forwarding Freight is a next-day and two-day regional trucking company operating 14 terminals across five (5) Midwestern states: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin. As part of the acquisition, the company also secured a strategically located cross-dock facility in Chicago, offering significant advantages to its customers, and a Truckload/LTL brokerage branded as SAKAEM Logistics.

## What the Market Can Expect

With this acquisition, shippers, carriers and partners can look forward to:

- Simplicity Streamlined operations and real-time shipping visibility.
- Seamless Service Continuity A smooth transition ensuring uninterrupted service.
- Enhanced Speed & Efficiency Strengthened regional LTL capabilities for next-day and second-day delivery.
- Advanced Technology & Integration AI/ML optimization, web tools and EDI/API connectivity.
- Enhanced Customer Support Dedicated teams committed to delivering personalized service and optimized freight solutions.
- Strategic Growth & Expansion Investments in infrastructure, workforce development and network capacity.

The transition process is already underway with a focus on integrating teams, aligning technology and optimizing route planning to improve service reliability. Standard Forwarding Freight is committed to keeping customers and partners informed throughout the process.

To learn more about how this acquisition can enhance your shipping operations or explore partnership opportunities, visit <u>www.StandardForwardingFreight.com</u> or contact Chief Commercial Officer Tim Haitz at Tim.Haitz@shipstdf.com.

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