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As part of the "de-layering" and "alignment" operation announced earlier this month Ingram Micro sets to reshuffle its European business by centralising support functions such as human resource, finance, information systems and operations.



The aim? To "transform its current European organisation into a consistent pan-European operating model."

As a result management duties currently performed at its Belgium HQ will be moved to various competency centres across the continent-- the Dutch operation is to house the European finance competence centre, Germany will host the Advanced Solution business and France will take control of European vendor management roles.

The Bulgaria shared service centre will also see expansion via transfer of additional country business-specific support functions, as well as the consolidation of activities from the Spanish regional accounting centre.

Warehousing facilities will also to see "consolidation"-- the Trier, Germany warehouse will be closed to leave just the Straubing facility, and the only Benelux warehouse is to remain in Tilberg, the Netherlands, following closure of the Belgium location.

"It is expected this transformation will impact a number of positions in various countries," the company states. "Ingram Micro will be working closely with employee representatives through the region to consult on our plan and discuss a fair outcome from those impacted."

In other words, an unspecified amount job cuts as the transformation rolls out during 2014.

Ingram Micro saw record-breaking sales of $42.6 billion for 2013, with profits worth $172.6bn and "standout" performance in France and the Netherlands.

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