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## Investment in stronger East-West connection

### **New GLS hub in the Czech Republic**

**Amsterdam, 9 July 2012. GLS is building a new central transshipment point in Jihlava in the Czech Republic. The parcel service provider will thereby significantly expand its capacities in the country and simultaneously strengthen its European network.**

GLS Czech Republic's new hub in Jihlava is expected to replace the existing nearby distribution centre in October 2012. After this initial expansion, GLS will immediately be able to process twice as many parcels as before in the new facility. It can subsequently be expanded up to a daily capacity of 120,000 parcels, with up to 68 loading gates. A state-of-the-art sorting system and security technology according to GLS standard round off the facility.

#### **A convergence point for international routes**

In addition to its role as a national hub, Jihlava is also used as a national head office and as an international parcel delivery interface. Daily scheduled transports connect Jihlava with the GLS European hub in Neuenstein and with the distribution centres in Austria, Poland, Slovakia and Hungary. "Trade between Eastern and Western Europe has been growing for years," says Rico Back, CEO of the GLS Group. "We expect this trend to continue and are investing in order to provide our customers with a high-quality service in the long-term too." Around four million euros will be invested in the new building.

#### **Saving resources, relieving the environment**

The new facility will also benefit the environment. As part of GLS's Think-Green sustainability initiative, all new buildings are constructed according to environmental criteria. This also applies to the new facility in Jihlava. GLS uses recyclable materials for the construction. The building is heated with a heat pump, reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and operating costs. GLS is also installing energy-saving technologies such as an LED lighting system. To halve drinking water consumption and costs, rain water is collected, stored and used as process water. After its completion, Jihlava will be the twelfth "green" location in the GLS European network.



### ***The GLS Group in Europe***

GLS, General Logistics Systems B.V. (headquartered in Amsterdam), realises reliable, high-quality parcel services for 212,000 customers in Europe, complemented by logistics and express services. "Quality leader in European parcel logistics" is GLS' guiding principle. In this context, sustainability is emphasized at GLS: its Europe-wide Think Green Initiative bundles activities aimed at protecting the environment. Through wholly owned and partner companies, the Group provides a network coverage of 42 European states and is globally connected via contractual agreements. 37 central transshipment points and 660 depots are at GLS' disposal. With its ground based network GLS is one of the leading parcel service providers in Europe. 13,400 employees handle 363 million parcels per year. Every day 16,510 vehicles are on route for GLS. In the financial year 2010/11 GLS achieved revenues of 1.75 billion euros.

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