

# PRESS RELEASE

## Ready for autumn business

### **GLS invests in European network**

- **New hubs and depots**
- **Location expansions**
- **Investment of over 100 million euros**

**Amsterdam, 23 November 2017. The GLS Group has invested more than 100 million euros into development of its European network in the last 12 months. With considerably expanded capacity, the parcel company is well prepared for the peak season.**

“Our European system is based on strong national networks that ensure excellent customer proximity and are closely linked to one another,” says Rico Back, CEO of the GLS Group. “In order to also be able to offer our high quality in peak periods, we continuously invest throughout Europe.”

Over 100 million euros have been invested into new construction, expansion or modernisation of locations. GLS has built a new international hub in Slovakia (Zvolen). The parcel service provider has also opened seven new depots in the GLS region Europe East – in Romania (Tulcea and Târgu Jiu), Slovenia (Slovenska Bistrica), the Czech Republic (Klatovy and Šumperk) and Hungary (Kazincbarcika and Budapest). Modern new constructions were also put into operation by GLS Germany (Offenburg), GLS Austria (Rankweil) and GLS Poland (Radom).

The major investments also include comprehensive depot expansions, for example in Habay (Belgium), Taastrup near Copenhagen (Denmark), Donaueschingen (Germany), Rotterdam (Netherlands) and Bydgoszcz (Poland). In Neuenstein, Germany, the hub of the express subsidiary DER KURIER has been expanded. In Italy, three GLS depots moved to larger buildings (Pesaro, La Spezia, Imperia).

These measures allowed GLS to increase capacity in time for the autumn and Christmas business. In recent years, the number of parcels transported each day has been around 30 per cent above the annual average from October onwards. In some countries, the volume has even doubled shortly before Christmas. Rico Back: “The seasonal increase this year is expected to be even greater. To be able to offer

our customers the high-quality service they are used to, we will not connect any new customers to our system during this period.”

### ***The GLS Group***

GLS, General Logistics Systems B.V. (headquartered in Amsterdam), realises reliable, high-quality parcel services for over 270,000 customers, complemented by logistics and express services. “Quality leader in European parcel logistics” is GLS’ guiding principle, sustainability being one of the core values. Through wholly owned and partner companies, the Group provides a network coverage of 41 European and seven U.S. states and is globally connected via contractual agreements. Over 70 central and regional transshipment points and more than 1,000 depots are at GLS’ disposal. With its ground based network GLS is one of the leading parcel service providers in Europe. GLS counts 17,000 employees and every day around 26,000 vehicles are on route for GLS. In the financial year 2016/17 GLS achieved revenues of 2.5 billion euros and transported 508 million parcels.

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