

# PRESS RELEASE

## Rico Back appointed CEO of Royal Mail Group

**London, 20 April 2018. The Board of Royal Mail plc appoints Rico Back as the next Chief Executive Officer of Royal Mail Group. On 1 June 2018 the CEO of the GLS Group will succeed Moya Greene, who has been at the helm of the British company for the past eight years.**

For almost 30 years, Rico Back's professional career has been closely connected with parcel logistics. In 1989 he was appointed the first Managing Director of German Parcel. Following the opening of the European market in 1992, the Hamburg native established General Parcel, a European-wide parcel association providing parcel services throughout Europe. In 1999 he led the sale of German Parcel to Royal Mail. Through acquisitions and the foundation of new companies a cross-European parcel service was formed. In 2002 a uniform brand, General Logistics Systems (GLS), was established. As CEO Royal Mail Parcels, Rico Back has been responsible for all international activities as well as the national parcel business for the past two years.

"GLS has established itself as a strong pillar of the Royal Mail Group", said Peter Long, Chairman of the Royal Mail Group. "With Rico Back's appointment as CEO, Royal Mail is ideally positioned to continue operating successfully."

"As early as 1999 I believed in the strength of Royal Mail. The structural and strategic orientation of Royal Mail has enabled GLS to grow successfully", said Rico Back. "To continue to expand this in a responsible position inspires me and is the driving force behind my actions."

Moya Greene will work with Rico Back until September 2018 to ensure a smooth transition.

James Rietkerk, CFO of the GLS Group, will assume the additional role of acting CEO of the GLS Group.

### ***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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