PRESS RELEASE

**GLS celebrates opening ceremony at new depot in Cork**

* **Official opening with Lord Mayor of Cork, Cllr. John Sheehan**
* **Tripled capacity allows for further growth**
* **Moving closer to customers**

**Cork, 24 July 2019. On Tuesday, 23 July 2019, GLS Ireland inaugurated its new depot in Cork with an opening ceremony after starting operations in November of last year. The parcel service provider tripled its sorting capacities by moving to Blarney Business Park from the previous location.**

GLS Ireland invited customers, members of Cork City Council and Lord Mayor of Cork, Cllr. John Sheehan, to the official opening ceremony. “Cork City Council is very pleased with the expansion of GLS in Cork. The company’s growth in the region once again exemplifies the strength of our local economy”, comments the Lord Mayor. Transport partners, employees of the depot and GLS Ireland management also participated in the celebrations.

**Ensuring quality and security**

With parcel numbers expected to continually increase, the facility prepares GLS Ireland for further growth. The company invested in the latest conveyor systems and technology. This and a much larger transhipment area enable GLS to process three times as many parcels than before at a high level of quality. A first-class level of security is ensured by internal and external cameras and a high-security fence.

“GLS Ireland in Cork is a 20-year success story”, explains Andreas Rickert, Managing Director of GLS Ireland. “We have made a long-term commitment to the Cork community. The new facility offers enough capacity to support our growth for the next decade.”

The new location in Blarney Business Park moves GLS Ireland closer to its customers and offers access to all major roads. This strategic location allows consignments to be quickly exported to the hub in Dublin. From there, GLS Ireland connects to the GLS Group’s European network.

Andreas Rickert continues: “We are very proud of our team in Cork! Some of them have been with us since the beginning. The growth over the past 20 years and the long standing customer relations are made possible by their great work.”

## *GLS Ireland and the GLS Group*

GLS Ireland is a subsidiary of General Logistics Systems B.V. (headquartered in Amsterdam). GLS realises reliable, high-quality parcel services for over 200,000 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 states. GLS is also present in eight U.S. states and in Canada, and is globally connected via contractual agreements. Around 70 central and regional transhipment points and around 1,400 depots and agencies are at GLS’ disposal. With its ground based network GLS is one of the leading parcel service providers in Europe. GLS counts about 19,000 employees and every day around 26,000 delivery vehicles and about 3,500 long distance trucks are on route for GLS. In the financial year 2018/19 GLS achieved revenues of 3.3 billion euros and transported 634 million parcels.

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