

PRESS RELEASE

GLS Netherlands expands depot Wijchen

- **Double the capacity and more delivery routes**
- **Comprehensive modernisation**
- **Next step to sustainability**

Utrecht, 12 March 2020 – GLS has started with the modernisation and expansion of its depot in Wijchen near Nijmegen. With two new distribution halls and a modern sorting system the capacity will increase significantly. For the expansion the company attaches great importance to sustainability.

With the expansion depot Wijchen becomes one of the largest GLS depots in the Netherlands. The Nijmegen region is from here well accessible. With the German border near depot Wijchen serves as an important link between the Randstad and the Ruhr area.

The foundation is already finished. By the fourth quarter of 2020 two new distribution halls will emerge, increasing the handling area with 3,200 to in total 6,00 square metres. When a new sorting system is becomes operational the depot can handle twice as many parcels. For a faster and efficient proves the number of loading and unloading gates will rise to 100.

“With the expansion in Wijchen we anticipate to the increasing volumes, after we previous also opened a larger and more sustainable depot in Amsterdam”, says Milo Kars, Managing Director GLS Netherlands. “Consequently we are able to provide optimal support to our customers with the growth as a result of the increasing online orders while maintaining the high quality.”

Climate neutral parcel transshipment

With the renewal of the depot GLS is taking the next step towards sustainability. Solar collectors will be installed on the roof of the depot in order to operate the sorting system without emissions. A heat pump as the primary heat source will reduce the environmental impact. Like all new GLS depots in the Netherlands the distribution hall in Wijchen will also have LED lighting installed that automatically switches on.

With the planned expansion more parcels are going to be processed via the depot and the number of long-distance transports and thus emissions will decrease

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GLS Netherlands is a subsidiary of General Logistics Systems B.V., Amsterdam (GLS). GLS realizes reliable high-quality parcel services for over 200,000 customers, complemented by logistics and express services. GLS also ships pallets and general cargo throughout the Benelux via an integrated network and in other regions throughout Europe via partners. “Quality leader in European parcel logistics” is GLS’ guiding principle. Through wholly owned and partner companies, the Group provides a network coverage of 45 European states. GLS is also present in eight U.S. states and in Canada, and is globally connected via contractual agreements. About 70 central transshipment points and more than 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 19,000 employees and every day around 30,000 vehicles 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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