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## **Press release**

### **GLS is expanding the operational network in the north and south**

**The courier company launches three new branches - near Starogard Gdański, north of Warsaw in Różan near Ostrołęka and in Wodzisław Śląski. GLS Poland adapts its base infrastructure to the growing stream of shipments and e-commerce needs.**

The new subsidiaries' function is to complement and further strengthen the operational network of the courier company. - Locations were selected after careful analysis. The dense operating network allows for continuous improvement of the delivery and collection process. We want to be "closer" to our customers and successively enrich the range of options available at the last mile. In the context of the development of the e-commerce industry, this is a strategically important element of modern, flexible courier services," says Małgorzata Markowska, marketing manager at GLS Poland.

#### **Two in the north, one in the south**

In September a new depot of GLS Poland was opened in Rywałd, right next to Starogard Gdański. The facility has 18 courier gates, and its capacity is currently about 3.5 thousand shipments per day. It is located near the junction of national road 22 with the A1 motorway. The subsidiary operates in the vicinity of Malbork, Tczew, Skwierzyna or Elbląg, relieving the workload of the branch in Straszyn near Gdańsk.

At the end of October, a subsidiary in Różan, about 100 km north of Warsaw, will start operating. The facility has an area of over 1,400 square metres, has been equipped with 31 courier gates and will initially handle a total of around 4,500 parcels daily. It is located in the central point between the GLS depots in Warsaw, Białystok, Olsztyn, Ełk, Brodnica and Płock.

- Couriers from the branch in Różan will handle Ostrołęka, Łomża, Przasnysz, Ciechanów or Ostrów Mazowiecka. The branch is located at the crossroads, with convenient access to these towns. Moreover, thanks to the S8 road, Różan is very well connected with our regional hub in Wypędy near Warsaw," says Artur Antos, Operating Director East Region GLS Poland.

At the beginning of November, a depot in Wodzisław Śląski, i.e. in the southern part of the Śląskie Voivodship, will begin operations. It will have 30 courier gates. The facility has an area of nearly 1,000 square metres, according to forecasts, in the first stage it will handle about 4,500 shipments per day. It will take over some of the routes of the branches in Czeladź, Bielsko-Biała, and later it will also relieve the workload of the depot in Opole. From Wodzisław, couriers will reach Racibórz, Rybnik, Żory, Jastrzębie-Zdrój and even the Kędzierzyn-Koźle area.

*- Initially, we planned only a reloading point here, but the potential of this area, especially the number of companies operating here and the possibilities of optimising operating costs, convinced us to open a regular depot. Additionally, the facility in Wodzisław Śląski can be expanded by another 20 courier gates in the coming years,"* says Michał Dojcz, Southern Region Operational Director.

### **Capacity on domestic and international routes is increasing**

This year, the GLS subsidiary in Poznań has also been significantly expanded: it now has almost twice as many courier gates (there are 158), the number of linehaul loading gates has increased from 8 to 13 (with the possibility of adding another 7), and there are also more linehaul unloading gates. The total area of the facility is now about 50% larger. The subsidiary, operating in this location since 2008 together with the Polish headquarters of the courier company, is now able to handle twice as many parcels as before the expansion.

The facility is fully prepared to take over the function of an independent regional sorting hub in the future. This year, a sorting hub for export parcels was also launched at GLS Poznań branch. From here they are directed to Western European countries.

*- We are systematically expanding our base infrastructure and optimising line transport routes, increasing the network capacity. In this way we are adapting to the growing stream of parcels, both in domestic and cross-border traffic,"* adds Małgorzata Markowska.

Last year, GLS Poland opened new subsidiaries in Tarnobrzeg, at DK 9 connecting Warsaw and Rzeszów, and in Bielawa in Lower Silesia.

Let us recall that in 2018, GLS Poland opened its largest depot in Poland, which is able to handle an average of 90,000 parcels per day and also serves as a regional sorting hub. It is located in the aforementioned Wypędy near Warsaw, with very convenient access to the motorway and expressway network. The central hub for domestic and international shipments is in Stryków. Together with the regional hubs in Bydgoszcz, Wrocław and Wypędy, it links the Polish and international GLS network.

Let us add that GLS has also been systematically developing a network of Szybka Paczka /ParcelShops points (run by GLS partners) for 10 years now. Their number in the whole Poland exceeded 1300. This year in Kraków the operator also opened its second company (i.e. serviced by GLS employees) Szybka Paczka point. The first such point has been operating in Poznań since 2019.

GLS Group is one of the quality leaders in European parcel logistics. The whole network of the operator, through subsidiaries and transport partners, covers 40 countries, including the USA and Canada.