

PRESS RELEASE

Network strengthened at GLS Germany

New Mannheim depot opens

- **Total investment of €15 million**
- **50 extra staff**
- **Use of electric vehicles planned**

Neuenstein, 28 October 2019. A smooth transition at GLS in Mannheim: following a ten-month construction phase, the parcel service provider has today opened its new site in the Rhine–Neckar region.

The nerve centre of the 10,000 square metre sorting area is the cutting-edge parcel sorting system. In combination with 30 loading gates, 15 unloading gates and a manoeuvring area of roughly 30,000 square metres, this system facilitates seamless flows of up to 80,000 parcels a day (more than twice as many as in the old depot) – just in time for the upcoming peak period. As such, senders can still be assured of reliable delivery times and unwaveringly high quality.

As of 4 November, a regional hub function for GLS depots in Rhineland-Palatinate, Saarland and parts of Hesse, Bavaria and Baden-Württemberg will also go into operation at the site. Parcels exchanged between these depots will then pass through Mannheim rather than the central GLS hub in Neuenstein. This saves both time and lorry mileage, thus benefiting the environment. What's more, electric vehicles will soon be deployed from the Mannheim depot, with four cutting-edge charging stations in place to begin with.

The new depot is much more comfortable for employees and delivery drivers: it boasts a raised floor with underfloor heating, allowing delivery vehicles to be loaded at ground level. The conveyor belt system is now much quieter. Commercial employees have a generous 600 square metres of office space at their disposal. GLS has already managed to fill 50 newly created positions as from 1 November.

GLS Germany and the GLS Group

GLS Germany 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 parcel logistics" is GLS' guiding principle, sustainability being one of the core values. Through wholly owned and partner companies, the GLS Group covers 45 countries and is globally connected via contractual agreements. About 70 central and regional transshipment 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 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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