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## GLS opens new sustainable depot in Amsterdam

- **Strengthening GLS network with modern building**
- **Capacity more than doubled**
- **Reducing the environmental impact**

**AMSTERDAM, 6 Februari 2020. This week the new GLS-depot in Amsterdam went into operation. The new building has more than double the capacity compared to the previous building and reduces the use of resources.**

The new depot contributes to strengthen the network of GLS Netherlands. “Due to the significant expansion in capacity, a high quality is also guaranteed should volumes further increase”, says Milo Kars, Managing Director GLS Netherlands. With a distribution hall that comprises almost 6,200 square metres, a state-of-the-art sorter as well as 140 loading and unloading gates parcels can be processed fast and efficient.

The new depot is strategically situated in the Atlaspark in the Amsterdam harbor. The good infrastructure offers excellent connections to other GLS depots. Furthermore the citycentre of Amsterdam can be reached within ten minutes, which speeds up the last-mile delivery.

### **Ecologically efficient**

The environment plays an important role while building the depot. A geothermal heat pump as the primary source of heating and solar collectors cut the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. To make optimal use of daylight, prismatic domes on the roof capture sunlight and spread it throughout the distribution hall. At low light incidence the LED lighting automatically switches on. Also charging stations for electric vehicles are installed.

### **Pleasant working environment**

The new depot will also have advantages for the more than 200 personnel on site. They will be provided with a new staff canteen, bigger offices and a modern ParcelShop. There will also be lots of daylight in the distribution hall and

improved ergonomics for drivers when loading and unloading their vans and trucks due to a loading area and depot floor at the same height.

“A responsible relation with people and the environment is an important goal of GLS”, says Milo Kars. “Our new depot is fully adjusted to an economical use of resources and offers attractive workplaces.”

### **GLS Netherlands & GLS Group**

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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