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## New depot in Amsterdam under construction

- **Capacity will be more than doubled**
- **Modern and sustainable construction**

**UTRECHT, 9 May 2019. Construction has begun and the foundation is laid: the modern and sustainable depot will more than double the parcel handling capacity of GLS in Amsterdam.**

The parcel and freight service GLS Netherlands is preparing itself with the new construction for ongoing growth in parcel numbers. The distribution hall will increase with 6,200 square metres. The new depot doubles the parcel handling capacity compared to the current location thanks to a state-of-the-art sorter and 140 loading and unloading gates. The overall concept is designed for fast, efficient processes.

This also applies for its location. The depot is being built in the Atlas Park, located in the port of Amsterdam. Good infrastructure will ensure optimal connections between other GLS locations. The centre of Amsterdam can be reached within ten minutes..

“This capacity expansion ensures that we can offer our customers a fast and reliable service with the ever-increasing volumes”, says Milo Kars, Managing Director of GLS Netherlands. “At the same time this new depot contributes to our efforts to minimise our environmental impact in our (inter)national network and to create attractive workplaces.”

### **Focus on the environment and staff**

To minimise environmental impacts, solar panels on the roof will power the depot in Amsterdam in a climate-friendly way. The use of commodities and CO2 emissions will be further reduced by installing a heat-pump system for heating. There will also be charging stations for electric vehicles.

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.

**GLS Netherlands and GLS Group**

GLS Netherlands is a subsidiary of General Logistics Systems B.V., Amsterdam (GLS). GLS realizes reliable high-quality parcel services for over 270,000 customers, complemented by logistics and express services. GLS also ships pallets and general cargo throughout the Benelux via an integrated network. “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. About 50 central transshipment points and more than 1,000 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 18,000 employees and every day around 30,000 vehicles are on route for GLS. In the financial year 2017/18 GLS achieved revenues of 2.9 billion euros and transported 584 million parcels.

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