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## DPD in Russia Opens a Depot in Lipetsk

***Moscow, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010 – As part of its ongoing regional network expansion DPD in Russia has opened a depot in Lipetsk to meet the area's growing demand for quality transportation logistics services.***

Lipetsk is one of the biggest and fastest growing cities in the Central Chernozem Region of Russia. Its population is over half a million people, and a multitude of manufacturing and trading businesses are based in and around the city.

Lipetsk has a well-developed transport infrastructure with a convenient access to the M4 Don and M6 Caspian national highways.

All these factors were taken into account when in 2006 a Special Economic Zone (SEZ) of a federal level was set up in the immediate proximity to the industrial areas of Lipetsk. By the end of 2011, it is planned to create 35 new manufacturing companies in Lipetsk SEZ. The development of the zone is expected to be finalised by 2012.

Such dynamic development means that the city is becoming increasingly important for the national economy. The demand for professional transportation logistics solutions in the region is growing. The customers of DPD in Russia increasingly require quality parcel and freight delivery services to cover the area. It is for this reason that DPD made a decision to open a depot in Lipetsk. The depot is located in Pravoberezhny district near the Lebedyan highway, one of the main routes of Lipetsk Region. The total area of the new depot is 340 sq. m.

The Lipetsk depot will provide deliveries to 4,000 locations in Russia, offering the company's most popular services: DPD BIZPAK (just-in-time domestic express parcel and freight delivery with unmatched financial guarantees), DPD CLASSIC (reliable door-to-door document, parcel and freight delivery), DPD ECONOMY (cost-effective delivery of heavier parcels and freight).

"The opening of a new depot in Lipetsk clearly illustrates that the network expansion of DPD in Russia is driven by our customer requirements. Our



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commitment is to ensure that in each and every location serviced by DPD our customers experience the consistently high quality of DPD service," commented Alexey Kovalchuk, Area Director of Southern Region, DPD in Russia.

### **About DPD in Russia**

Offering customers a complete range of transportation logistics and parcel delivery services, DPD in Russia (ZAO Armadillo and ZAO Armadillo Business Parcel) is a recognized leader in parcel and freight business in Russia. DPD in Russia provides state-of-the-art delivery to 4,000 destinations within the Russian Federation and services 220 countries and territories worldwide.

In 2008 the turnover of DPD in Russia increased by 31% compared to 2007. In 2008 DPD in Russia delivered 4.5 million parcels for 11,500 customers.

DPD in Russia (ZAO Armadillo and ZAO Armadillo Business Parcel), headquartered in Moscow, is an affiliate of GeoPost which is a major force in Express throughout Europe, regrouping the Express subsidiaries of La Poste Group. Most of GeoPost subsidiaries across the globe trade under the flagship DPD brand.

DPD in Russia operates in the framework of the GeoPost Yurtiçi Kargo joint venture. The companies within DPD in Russia trade under the international DPD brand as of 2007.

The companies within DPD in Russia are accredited with international and Russian business and professional associations, including the Association of European Businesses in the Russian Federation, IATA, FIATA, Freight Forwarders Association of the Russian Federation, the Association of Private Postal Operators and the Association of Express Carriers.

### **About GeoPost**

The GeoPost Group consolidates the express service subsidiaries of the La Poste Group and is a major player in express services in Europe, as shown by its top ranking road transport network, DPD. GeoPost operates in over 230 countries on behalf of over 300,000 customers worldwide and is n°1 in France and n°2 at European level on the express parcel market with a consolidated turnover figure of €3.292 billion in 2008.

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