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John Acton appointed Managing Director of DPD

The British marketing expert joins Arnold Schroven in the management of DPD GmbH

Aschaffenburg, 18 April 2008 – The supervisory board of DPD GmbH, Aschaffenburg, announces the appointment of Briton John Acton (43) to Managing Director of the international provider of standard and express parcel services. After the departure of CEO Hans Fluri in March this means that the top management of the international franchise organisation has been completed from within the company's own ranks. At the head of the DPD franchise system Mr Acton will form a two-man team with Arnold Schroven, who is also at the helm of DPD GeoPost (Deutschland).

"In terms of personality and his many years of experience with DPD and GeoPost John Acton is ideally qualified to make a strong contribution towards the continued international development of the company," confirms Paul-Marie Chavanne, Supervisory Board Chairman at DPD and CEO of the company's majority shareholder GeoPost. In addition to his appointment as Managing Director of DPD Mr Acton is Chief Marketing and Strategic Accounts Officer at GeoPost, and is a member of the Direction Générale of GeoPost, the worldwide express and parcels subsidiary of France's La Poste.

John Acton has over 13 years experience in the Parcel and Express industry. In 1995 he became Marketing Manager at DPD's British partner Parceline, which this year adopted the DPD brand in full. In 2004 he became Chief Marketing and Strategic Accounts Officer at GeoPost in Paris. In recent years he has been responsible for DPD's brand strategy and has made a major contribution to the continuous expansion of the company's uniform brand profile within the DPD network. More and more franchise partners, including those in the Baltic states, Poland and Russia recently, are taking advantage of



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the high profile enjoyed by the DPD brand. "This reinforced brand presence within Europe is an essential pillar of DPD's international growth strategy," explains John Acton. "I am relishing the challenge to help drive the continued success of this great business." The new DPD boss is married and has four children.

About DPD

With the shipment of 2 million parcels a day in a seamless international network DPD is one of Europe's leading providers of parcel services. DPD offers its customers a wide spectrum of domestic and international services. The product portfolio ranges from standard and express parcels via online shipping and shipping at Parcel-Shops down to individual solutions for business customers. At more than 500 depots in 39 countries a workforce numbering over 22.000 and 15.000 vehicles operate on behalf of 200.000 business customers as well as small-scale and private shippers. DPD is managed by its Chief Executive Officer Arnold Schroven. France's GeoPost Group, a wholly-owned La Poste subsidiary, is the majority shareholder in DPD. The minority shareholders are DPD Systemlogistik GmbH & Co. KG (10,47 per cent shareholding) and DPD Zeitfracht GmbH & Co. KG (6,21 per cent shareholding).

About DPD in Germany

DPD is Germany's leading provider of standard parcel services for business customers. As part of the international DPD network DPD offers a wide spectrum of domestic and international services on the German market. These services range from standard domestic and international shipping to express deliveries and are also aimed at small-scale and private shippers, who have access to efficient parcel shipping with DPD via 2.500 Parcel-Shops and online shipping. DPD has 74 depots in Germany, where a workforce of 7.500 and 7.000 vehicles are in daily operation on behalf of the customers.

About GeoPost

The GeoPost Group regroups the Express subsidiaries of La Poste Group and is a major force in Express throughout Europe as demonstrated by its first rate DPD road network. GeoPost serves more than 230 countries on behalf of over 300,000 customers in the world. GeoPost is positioned in 1st place in France and 3rd place in Europe for the CEP (Courier Express Parcels) market with a turnover of € 3.1 billion in 2007.

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