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DPD registers strong growth in its Express-Services and continues expansion of its express portfolio

60 per cent growth and 15,000 new express customers over the past year – Express-Services now go international

Aschaffenburg, 13 March 2008 – In 2008 DPD, the provider of standard and express parcel services, is continuing the offensive on the express market which it began last year. After establishing a comprehensive and high-performance express service in Germany in 2007, international express routes are now gradually being launched, starting with the Benelux countries. From May DPD customers will be able to ship express parcels to and from Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands, taking advantage of a range of supplementary services in the process. The same service options are available within these countries, and further neighbouring states to Germany will be linked in the course of this year.

"The Express-Services we launched in 2007 featuring deliveries at 8.30 hrs, 10.00 hrs, 12.00 hrs or 18.00 hrs and backed up by a range of service options made a tremendous start," says Arnold Schroven, Chief Executive Officer of DPD GmbH & Co.KG. "We've acquired 15,000 new express customers, and shipment volumes have risen by 60 per cent." For 2008, too, DPD's CEO expects double-digit growth rates.

Mr Schroven is especially pleased by the fact that "with a 99.6 per cent rate for punctually delivered express shipments our performance level reached an absolute quality peak from the very beginning." He adds that the groundwork for this had been put into place by DPD in recent years in the form of a gradual and targeted expansion of its network. This is able to ship even time-critical goods fast and reliably thanks to direct transport links between almost all of its German depots. "In future, too, the quality of our services will be the principal benchmark in the expansion of our product range," states Mr Schroven. "This is why further express links to new countries will be thoroughly tested and optimised before they come on stream step by step."



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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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