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DPD GeoPost (Deutschland): a helping hand for the next sporting generation

Established partnership with 'Deutsche Sporthilfe' continues

St. Ingbert/Aschaffenburg, 5 November 2007 – For the fourth year in succession DPD GeoPost (Deutschland) is supporting Germany's 'Junior Sportsmen and Sportswomen of the Year' with grants towards their career development. The candidates nominated today for 2007 will learn at the 'Fest der Begegnung' award ceremony in Völklingen, Saarland, on 9 November 2007 if they will be among this year's winners. With its longstanding commitment towards supporting young sporting talent parcel services provider DPD is highlighting the positive role which sport plays in society. "Values and principles such as endurance, hard work and ambition combined with fair treatment of others are important not just in sport. They are also a vital part of our corporate ethic and this is why we are actively involved in sponsoring young athletes", states Hans Fluri, Chief Executive Officer DPD GeoPost (Deutschland) GmbH & Co. KG.

Stamina in sports sponsoring

The successful partnership between DPD GeoPost (Deutschland) and the 'Deutsche Sporthilfe' sports aid organisation will continue to ensure that junior sporting talent receives financial support. This means that over the next few years these young athletes will be able to develop their skills without financial worries – and invest all their energies in their sport over the necessary period of time. One important characteristic which young sportsmen and women need if they wish to reach the highest level of international competition is stamina. And just like top athletes DPD also has this characteristic, as the company demonstrates with its consistent and longstanding involvement in sports sponsorship.



Numerous junior world champions nominated

The nominations for the 2007 'Junior Sportsmen and Sportswomen of the Year' were announced today at DPD Depot 166 in St. Ingbert in the presence of Klaus Meiser, Saarland's Minister for Interior Affairs and Sport. Among the ranks of female athletes the following sportswomen were nominated:

tobogganist Natalie Geisenberger, modern pentathlete Lena Schöneborn, three times biathlon world champion Magdalena Neuner and Kristina Vogel for her achievements in track cycling. The leading candidates among the men are the two times junior world champions Marcus Groß (canoeing) and Felix Loch (toboggan), Benedikt Beisheim (fencing) and Dimitrij Ovtcharov (table tennis). The list of nominees is supplemented by the speed skater Eric Rauschenbach and diver Patrick Hausding.

In the team contest the biathletes from the junior national team and the junior football, handball and volleyball teams are all in with a chance. In addition the junior national rowing eight and the junior national archery team have been nominated.

What decides the nominations are in particular medals which have been won in junior world and European championships as well as other special achievements at the Olympic Games or in setting international records. From all those nominated a jury chaired by Dr. Thomas Bach, President of the German Sports Federation, will select the 2007 'Junior Sportsmen and Sportswomen of the Year' in the individual and team categories. In addition there will be special awards to disabled and hearing-impaired sportspersons.

DPD's corporate philosophy is also reflected in sports sponsoring at the regional level, with the sports supported ranging from handball via football to tennis.



About GeoPost

GeoPost, which groups together the Express subsidiaries of the Groupe La Poste, is a parcel specialist and a major player on the express market. Active in all Europe, it caters for more than 230 territories on behalf of over 300,000 clients throughout the world. Today, the GeoPost group boasts 1st rank positioning in France and 3rd rank in Europe with an annual turnover of around 3 billion Euros in 2006.

About DPD GeoPost (Germany)

DPD GeoPost (Germany) GmbH & Co. KG is the leading service provider in Germany for the national and international shipment of parcels. The company, a wholly owned subsidiary of the French GeoPost Group, is part of the international DPD system with a seamlessly efficient network operating in more than 38 countries in Europe and further abroad. The DPD GeoPost (Germany) GmbH & Co. KG offers its customers a comprehensive range of parcel services, ranging from standard shipment via express services to B2C, both nationally and internationally. The company employs 6,000 people in 63 depots, while 6,000 vehicles are used daily in deliveries to customers. Since March 2005, DPD GeoPost (Germany) GmbH & Co. KG has been led by Hans Fluri as CEO.

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