



## **DPD Nederland starts CNG pilot**

**Best, 31 January 2011 – DPD Netherlands has started the New Year with a pilot of CNG vans in collaboration with Holwerda Distributie en Transport. The parcel service provider will operate daily with three Mercedes-Benz CNG vehicles in the region Joure. These vans use the Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) technology and run entirely on natural gas. With this pilot, DPD is taking the next step in the development of sustainable driving.**

The pilot is an initiative of DPD Netherlands and Holwerda Distributie en Transport. Both parties have worked together before, initiating a LVZ eco combi. Holwerda Distributie en Transport is responsible for the DPD parcel delivery within the catchment area of Friesland operating from the depot in Joure. “County Friesland, Groningen and Drenthe see a future in ‘green’ driving and because of that Joure is the ideal location for the CNG pilot. DPD wants to contribute to the realization of these counties’ ambition to have a hundred thousand vehicles running on sustainable fuels by 2015”, as said by Michael van Ooijen, CEO of DPD Netherlands.

### **CO<sub>2</sub>-emissions reduced by 20 to 25%**

By having vans run on natural gas instead of gasoline, it is possible to realize a reduction of 20 to 25% in CO<sub>2</sub>-emissions. The distance that the CNG vans can cover is limited to 270 - 300 km per day. These vans are therefore ideal for inner-city transport. This sustainable mode of transport is not only beneficial to the environment but also for the parcel service provider’s drivers, as they are thus less exposed to harmful CO<sub>2</sub>-gases.

### **Next step**

DPD is constantly looking for new opportunities when it comes to creating a sustainable environment, both in terms of transport as in distribution sites. The new distribution centre of DPD in Veenendaal and Etten-Leur are nice examples of this. The offices in these centers are designed in such a manner that they are completely CO<sub>2</sub>-neutral. In addition, DPD has previously



introduced the LVZ eco combi and the Mercedes-Benz Vital E-CELL. Both these vans and the CNG vans emphasize DPD's focus on sustainable transport.

**About DPD**

With the shipment of 2 million parcels a day DPD is one of the leading international parcel and express service providers. DPD's network is the most efficient road network in Europe and extends worldwide to the most important economic areas. DPD is operating at over 800 locations, in more than 40 countries, with a workforce of 24,000 people and 18,000 vehicles. Customers can choose services from an extensive product range of national and international parcel and express services that ship to 220 countries. DPD is managed by Arnold Schroven (CEO) and John Acton. France's GeoPost Group, a wholly-owned La Poste subsidiary, holds the majority of DPD shares (83,32 per cent shareholding). Minority shareholders are DPD Systemlogistik GmbH & Co. KG and DPD Zeitfracht GmbH & Co. KG.

**About DPD in Germany**

DPD is Germany's leading provider of 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 shippers, who have access to efficient parcel shipping with DPD via 4.000 Parcel-Shops and online shipping. DPD has 75 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 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 3,093 billion euros in 2009.

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