



## **DPD in Russia Continues Regional Expansion: a New Depot in Tomsk is Opened**

**Tomsk, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008 – In the framework of ongoing dynamic regional expansion program, DPD in Russia has opened a new depot in the Siberian Federal District. The new DPD depot is now operational in Tomsk – the administrative, scientific, educational, industrial and cultural centre of the Tomsk Region, a region rich in natural resources.**

With the area of 294,600 sq. km, the population of over 500,000 people, and more than 400-years' long history making it Siberia's oldest city, Tomsk is a highly industrialised area. DPD invested over 1 million Roubles in the new depot which became the tenth DPD depot in the Siberian District.

The Tomsk depot is located in the north-eastern part of the city (near the Instruments Plant). With the total area of 486 sq. m., the capacity of the depot is more than 5,000 parcels a day. The complete range of express forwarding services offered by DPD in Russia is now available to Tomsk customers: day-certain Express-Service solutions including the renowned DPD BIZPAK (a unique domestic just-in-time delivery solution with unmatched financial guarantees), as well as Classic-Service solutions with standard delivery times, including international DPD CLASSIC delivery.

With the opening of Tomsk, Russia-wide DPD depot network has increased to 31 branches. All the depots of DPD in Russia are linked by a common IT system as well as by a unique high-capacity ground transportation network.

'Our objective is to ensure that virtually everywhere in Russia our customers can take advantage of DPD high quality services they are accustomed to. This is why we continuously expand our regional network and we intend to further enhance our presence in those areas which are important to our customers and where they need us most', commented Leonid Zondberg, Commercial Director of 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 recognised leader in parcel and freight business in Russia. DPD in Russia provides state-of-the-art delivery to 3,500 destinations within the Russian Federation as well as to 220 countries and territories worldwide.

In 2007 the turnover of DPD in Russia increased by 41% compared to 2006. In 2007 DPD in Russia delivered over 3.5 million parcels for 14,000 customers.

DPD in Russia (ZAO Armadillo and ZAO Armadillo Business Parcel), headquartered in Moscow, is an affiliate company 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 operate under the flagship DPD brand.

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

The companies trading under the DPD brand 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 regroupes 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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