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## **GEODIS EXPANDS GROWTH IN E-COMMERCE**

### **New logistics centre in Oberhausen under construction**

**Levallois-Perret, 7 March 2019** – GEODIS will open a new warehouse in Oberhausen this summer. The 40,000 square-meter building is being built by SEGRO, a UK industrial real estate group, with which GEODIS has already implemented other major projects.

GEODIS will hire up to 500 employees for the extensive warehousing and order picking operations in Oberhausen. The combination of a strong, available pool of skilled workers and an attractive logistic location with very good transportation connections make Oberhausen the ideal choice for this new location. In addition, the logistics center will be implemented with an innovative warehouse concept that combines maximum space utilization with maximum productivity. Over the years, GEODIS has developed this industry-specific and highly automated process.

With this new opening, GEODIS is continuing to expand its long-standing e-commerce strategy. In recent years, the company has significantly expanded its contract logistics business on a national and international level with well-known companies in this sector. With Oberhausen, a total of six of the 14 logistics centers operated by GEODIS in Germany alone will specialize in e-commerce.

"We have been pursuing a very successful growth strategy in this market segment for years," says Thomas Kraus, President & CEO North, East and Central Europe. German e-commerce has been growing steadily for years. Market sales have increased to 63 billion euros in 2018, an increase of around ten percent compared to 2017.<sup>[1]</sup> *"The demand for modern and innovative logistics concepts in this area is high, because the goods are to be delivered to the end customer as quickly, cost-effectively and efficiently as possible. Thanks to our many years of experience, we have been able to develop a high level of expertise and concrete unique selling propositions in this area. This makes e-commerce one of our core competencies, both in Germany and internationally,"* adds Kraus.

Further information on GEODIS can be found at <http://www.geodis.com>

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GEODIS is a top-rated, global supply chain operator recognized for its passion and commitment to helping clients overcome their logistical constraints. GEODIS' growth-focused offerings (Supply Chain Optimization, Freight Forwarding, Contract Logistics, Distribution & Express, and Road Transport) coupled with the company's truly global reach thanks to a direct presence in 67 countries, and a global network spanning 120 countries, translates in top business rankings, #1 in France, #4 in Europe and #7 worldwide.

In 2017, GEODIS accounted for over 40,500 employees globally and generated €8.1 billion in sales.

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