



GLS opens a new platform in Alicante to meet future growth and guarantee service levels

- **The parcel service and logistics provider groups together the activity of two provincial centres in one hub located in Monforte del Cid.**

Madrid, 21st March 2023 – GLS Spain continues its growth as a logistics provider in Spain, opening a new hub in Alicante to consolidate the operations that until now were carried out in two separate facilities in Bulilla and Alicante. This new centre, located in the Las Norias Industrial Estate in Monforte del Cid, will increase the processing capacity to 8,500 parcels per hour.

The increased operational potential of these new facilities is partly possible thanks to the implementation of the latest technology, such as an automated sorting system that will increase the flow of packages or a new reading portal that will allow better traceability and tracking of orders, providing greater control and security throughout the process. Likewise, the increase of approximately 27% in the platform's surface area has allowed for more loading and unloading areas to optimise work.

Sustainability is the other cornerstone of this new opening, which has lighting control with detectors throughout the warehouse, programming of heating periods, or parking spaces with chargers for electric vehicles, among other measures that help reduce the environmental impact.

"The new hub allows us to reach more agencies in Alicante, improve the processing of shipments, enhance the traceability of packages, and have a better connection with the main points of the Mediterranean region. All this to offer a great leap in the quality of service in the area," says Luis Doncel, General Manager of GLS Iberia.

With a business model consisting of more than 20 agencies and over 200 Parcel Shops in the province of Alicante, the new facilities will allow the company to absorb the increase in the volume of parcels expected in the area in the coming years and thus optimise delivery routes. All of this is aligned with the corporate strategy of building more sustainable warehouses to achieve zero emissions by 2045.

About GLS Group

GLS Group is one of the largest self-reliant parcel services providers in Europe, with a strong local presence in almost all countries across the continent. It also operates through wholly-owned subsidiaries in Canada and on the USA's West Coast within one GLS network. This allows GLS to seamlessly connect its customers and communities with millions of



parcels and stories every day. GLS is proactive regarding network management, connecting its markets flexibly and agilely to respond to their fast-changing and dynamic nature. The company takes pride in providing its customers across about 40 countries with high-quality service that best suits their needs. The GLS network consists of over 120 hubs and more than 1,600 depots, supported by approximately 37,000 final-mile delivery vehicles and 4,500 long-distance trucks. This offers network resilience, superior flexibility, and extended reach. In 2021/22, GLS generated record revenues of 5 billion euros and delivered 870 million parcels across the markets.

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