

PRESS RELEASE

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Geodis, with Laboratoires Expanscience, inaugurates a new logistics platform for the healthcare sector at Droue-sur-Drouette

A new logistics platform for healthcare and cosmetic products was inaugurated at a cordial ceremony attended by Jean-Paul Berthomé, Chairman of Laboratoires Expanscience, and Jean-Louis Demeulenaere, Deputy CEO of Geodis. The platform is based at Droue-sur-Drouette, near Epernon, in the heart of France's Cosmetic Valley.

Healthcare/Cosmetics has been a key growth sector for the Geodis group for more than 15 years. In Europe the Group currently operates 15 special purpose and regulation-compliant platforms that manage stocks in an ambient or controlled temperature environment, prepare orders for the entire sector, and provide value-added services such as relabeling, inspection and packaging. To span the entire supply chain, Geodis also manages import/export transport flows for products, and handles domestic distribution through its Certipharm-certified Geodis Calberson network or its Geodis Ciblex parcels network.

The new 15,600 m² Droue-sur-Drouette platform is equipped with a retail parcel preparation line that can handle up to 12 million products annually and a full-parcel preparation line. It has a 5,800 m² storage area with the temperature regulated at 15°/25° and employs 50 people in two **shifts**.

Its main client is Laboratoires Expanscience, a long-standing customer of the Geodis group.

Laboratoires Expanscience is present in both the pharmaceutical and dermo-cosmetic sectors, and is the leader for:

- skin care products for babies and expectant mothers: Mustela Bébé and Mustela 9 Mois (for stretch marks), where it is European No 1 in pharmacies.
- Piasclédine 300, France's top-selling speciality treatment for arthritis.

The partnership between Geodis and Laboratoires Expanscience is based on a reciprocal philosophy of economic performance and service quality. Geodis distributes Expanscience products in more than 50 countries. Every year, this involves managing 1,600 articles, checking in 50,000 pallets, preparing 1,300,000 orders and shipping 1,500,000 parcels.

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Speaking at the ceremony, Jean-Paul Berthomé, Chairman of Laboratoires Expanscience, said: "In our constantly changing sector, we are pleased to have a reliable and responsive service provider such as Geodis, which also shares our values of environmental protection and sustainable development". Jean-Louis Demeulenaere, Deputy CEO of the Geodis group, commented: "By opening our new platform we are pleased to be able to support the development of Laboratoires Expanscience, our historic client. The company's loyalty and insistence on quality have enabled us to make inroads into this market where operational excellence is a must".

About Laboratoires Expanscience

Since it was set up in 1950, Laboratoires Expanscience has launched innovative products on the health and well-being markets, and developed expertise in rheumatology, dermo-cosmetics, dental care, dermatology, and active principles for cosmetics

With a committed workforce of 964 and strong international presence via eight subsidiaries and 59 countries covered by distributors, Laboratoires Expanscience had an annual turnover of 233 million euros in 2009. It has built up considerable strength in research and development through its proprietary R&D centre.

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About Geodis and Geodis Logistics

A subsidiary of the SNCF group, Geodis is a world-class global supply chain operator based in Europe, where it is the fourth-largest logistics provider. With its capacity to manage all or part of the logistics chain (air and sea freight forwarding, groupage, express parcels, contract logistics, LCL and FCL shipments, reverse logistics and supply chain optimisation), the Group works alongside its customers in their strategic, geographical and technological developments, offering appropriate solutions for each specific challenge to optimise the flow of physical items and data alike. Geodis has logistics offerings to address the challenges of every major sector in the economy. With a network spanning 120 countries, the Group's 28,600-strong workforce provides the talent of multicultural teams, genuine local presence, and a high degree of flexibility and responsiveness. In 2009, Geodis had a turnover of 5 billion euros.

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