

## New parcel sorting centre where three countries meet: start of DPD operations in Steinen

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"The new parcel sorting centre in Steinen represents an important base for deliveries to the south-west of Germany", explains Thomas Ohnhaus, Regional manager at DPD Germany. *"E-commerce in particular is providing us with more and more parcels every year, and that's why we're delighted that we now have such urgently needed additional capacity in this area close to the borders with France and Switzerland."*

The aim of the new parcel distribution centre in Steinen is above all to relieve the pressure on the existing depot in Freiburg. From Steinen DPD will serve the south-west of Germany where three countries meet, together with the Upper Rhine area. The

depot's field of operations also covers the southern Black Forest region as far down as Müllheim. Initially the Steinen depot will handle up to 10,000 parcels a day.

The investor in the construction project was DAL Deutsche Anlagen-Leasing GmbH & Co. KG, while management of the construction site was implemented by DAL Bautec Baumanagement und Beratung GmbH. As the general contractor, LIST Bau Nordhorn GmbH & Co. KG ensured the turnkey handover of the new depot facilities after a construction period lasting only 10 months.

A prominent feature of the DPD depot in Steinen is its high standard of energy efficiency. For example, it has its own solar installation for water heating, together with an air-water heat pump for the central heating system. In addition the new depot will shorten travelling distances, which will reduce transport-related CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. DPD's environmental and energy management system is certified to DIN 14001 and DIN 50001 standards, in line with DPD Germany's commitment to the implementation of carbon-neutral parcel shipping.

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