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## GEODIS LOGISTICS wins TAPA certification

**Geodis Logistics, the Geodis Group's Logistics Division, has just received level A TAPA certification for the secure management system of high added-value products implemented on its Dublin site in Ireland.**

May 2009 - Following an audit conducted by independent organisation Lloyd's Register Quality Assurance (LRQA), Geodis Logistics' Irish site in Dublin has just received the highly-prized TAPA certification (Technology Asset Protection Association), level A. During this audit, all of the operational processes implemented on the Dublin site for secure handling of high added-value products underwent careful analysis conducted in accordance with FSR requirements (Freight Security Requirements). The products concerned by these security measures are entrusted to Geodis Logistics by customers from the high-tech industry.

For the minimum requirement of 60% necessary to achieve the highest level – A - the items relating to access controls received a score of 100%, while those relating to high-value product dock, warehousing and storage installations and surveillance and alarm systems were awarded 94%.

TAPA, founded in the United States in 1997 and expanded to Europe in 1999, is an association bringing together security professionals and the largest high-technology multinationals. Its aim is to confront the increasing threats to security affecting the supply chain for high added-value products and establish the standards to be implemented in order to be protected against these threats.

Geodis Logistics is an acclaimed specialist in logistics for high-tech, automotive, healthcare and consumer products. It has 170 warehouses with a total of 2,000,000sqm in Europe and benefits from the Geodis Group's freight forwarding network, covering 120 countries worldwide, in addition to the European distribution resources of the Geodis Calberson and Geodis BM Divisions.

This certification forms a logical part of Geodis Logistics' strategy to provide its high-tech customers with total satisfaction in terms of both logistics chain expertise and operational environments. On this occasion, Jean-Paul VIGNAL, Director of Geodis' Logistics Division, said: "*I am thrilled that the high standards of the processes used by the Dublin teams for their customers have achieved such an amazing result on their first certification. I am convinced that this will open the way for all of our European platforms applying the same procedures.*"

### **About Geodis**

A global logistics provider and a wholly-owned subsidiary of the SNCF Group, Geodis is a world-class European service provider and the fourth-largest logistics service provider in Europe. Capable of coordinating all or part of the logistics chain (air and sea freight forwarding, groupage and express distribution, contract logistics, full truck load, reverse logistics), the Group accompanies its customers with their strategic, geographical and technological development by providing them with solutions to meet their

challenges in terms of optimising physical and data flows. Geodis has logistics offerings to address the needs of each major sector of the economy. With a network covering 120 countries, the Group's workforce of 27,000 provides a rich diversity of multicultural teams and genuine proximity, as well as major flexibility and responsiveness. In 2008, Geodis had a turnover of some €5.2 billion. Geodis Logistics is the Logistics Division of the Geodis Group



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