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## New PostNL parcel sorting centre in Tilburg

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PostNL puts its 25th parcel sorting centre in the Netherlands into operation.

An average of 32,000 parcels are to be delivered each day from this new sustainable 7,600m<sup>2</sup> building on Ledeboerstraat in Tilburg.

In 2018, PostNL delivered 251 million parcels. In order to optimise the delivery process for the Netherlands and Belgium in the growing parcel market, PostNL has opened three new parcel sorting centres in the Netherlands this year, in Dordrecht, Almere and Tilburg.

With 25 parcel sorting centres, PostNL is well prepared for the busy Christmas period, which will begin at the end of November.

The new sorting centre in Tilburg has been awarded the BREEAM certificate 'Outstanding', a certification for the most sustainable buildings with minimal environmental impact. Gas is no longer used, and there have been investments in sustainable materials and installations including heat recovery ventilation and LED lighting. The solar panels on the roof generate approximately half of the electricity needed to sort all of the parcels at this location. In the future, some of the parcels from this sustainable sorting centre will be delivered completely emission-free using electric delivery vans. The premises have been specially equipped with smart charging infrastructure for charging these delivery vans. PostNL is aiming for completely CO<sub>2</sub>-free mail and parcel delivery in 25 city centres by 2025 and an emission-free last mile throughout the Benelux by 2030.

### Employment in Tilburg

This new PostNL location in Tilburg is part of a network of in total 25 parcel sorting centres in the Netherlands and six locations in Belgium. From these locations, the parcel deliverers will deliver parcels seven days a week across the Netherlands and Belgium. The location in Tilburg employs approximately 350 people in the region. From the new parcel sorting centre, parcels will be delivered in and around Tilburg, for example in Waalwijk, Boxtel, Rijen, Hilvarenbeek and Reusel.

Liesbeth Kaashoek, Director of Parcels and Logistics at PostNL: "With this parcel sorting centre in Tilburg, we are responding to the growth in e-commerce and

investing in the optimisation of our parcel and logistics infrastructure. It is the third sustainable location that we are adding to our network this year, and with 25 sorting centres we are entering the busy Christmas period well prepared. We employ around 350 people in Tilburg and in doing so, we are contributing to the Municipality of Tilburg's ambition to create sustainable employment opportunities."

Berend de Vries, alderman for Economic Affairs in Tilburg: "We are delighted about the opening of the new PostNL location in Tilburg. Not only has it created new jobs – it also appeals to our organisation's objectives. The emission-free aspect of parcel delivery plays a significant role in the development of a lively, economically sustainable city."