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GEODIS NAMES NEW REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT FOR FREIGHT FORWARDING IN THE EMEA

GEODIS has announced the appointment of Matthias Hansen as the new Regional Vice President (RVP), EMEA (Europe, the Middle East and Africa) for Freight Forwarding with immediate effect. He has been acting as interim RVP for the last few months. He now replaces Alain Chimene on a permanent basis.

Matthias Hansen became Managing Director for Germany in 2009 and more recently served as Managing Director North Europe (Belgium, Netherlands, Germany, United Kingdom). He will continue with his responsibilities in the North European region in addition to his new role, until a successor is nominated.

Commenting on his appointment, Matthias Hansen said, "EMEA is Freight Forwarding's largest region in terms of business volume and number of collaborators, and it has many unique challenges – as well as opportunities. Building on the established organisational structure put in place by Alain Chimene since the establishment of the region in 2010, my aim is to increase market growth whilst balancing that with cost-conscious improvements in productivity."

"Matthias has a strong network mentality and is both result and customer driven. I am confident that he will lead the EMEA region towards our strategic objectives" said Kim Pedersen, Executive Vice President Freight Forwarding. "The region is diverse and covers a wide range of countries, so there is a real need to offer cohesive solutions to our customers' requirements. We also have many operational advantages in this region, not least the skills of our people, and a well balanced airfreight and sea freight global offering."

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Supply chain operator and subsidiary of SNCF Logistics, GEODIS is a global European company (4th logistics provider in Europe). Through its ability to overcome logistical constraints and coordinate the different steps of the logistic chain (Supply Chain Optimization, Freight Forwarding (air and sea), Contract Logistics, Distribution & Express, Road Transport), the Group is the growth partner for its clients and offers them tailored solutions. With over 30,000 employees in 67 countries, the Group constantly innovates to improve its performance and its customers' one. GEODIS reported in 2013 a €6.9 billion in revenue.

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