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GEODIS TEAMS UP WITH GRENZEBACH FOR GOODS-TO-PERSON ROBOTICS PROGRAM DESIGNED TO INCREASE TEAMMATE PRODUCTIVITY, BOLSTER SAFETY

To increase teammate productivity and bolster safety, GEODIS today announced a goods-to-person robotics program with Grenzebach. Over the past year, GEODIS and Grenzebach have been engaged in a pilot program for a large consumer electronics customer at GEODIS' Nashville, TN campus, which features Automated Guided Vehicles (AGVs) and mobile storage units (MSUs) designed to make the jobs of GEODIS teammates easier, safer and more productive. Following the success of the initial program, GEODIS and Grenzebach are now introducing this robotics program to additional clients.

"The goal for working with Grenzebach is to make our teammates' jobs easier and safer by minimizing travel while also increasing picking efficiency and accuracy—and we see tremendous results already," said Eric Douglas, GEODIS Executive Vice President of Engineering and Technology. "We're estimating pick functions will nearly double and that training time for new employees will be reduced by more than 50 percent. This is critical for our clients who need to meet the rapid pace of today's consumer demands."

The program optimizes warehouse operations by both speeding up processing and saving space. The Grenzebach AGVs lift and move MSUs to and from picking stations, where teammates remain stationary as opposed to walking the warehouse and pulling a pick cart. Thus, travel paths for teammates are minimized, and a safer work environment is provided. The picking stations can be used for both picking and replenishment. They provide teams with a number of tools to work efficiently and accurately. For example, pick-by-light technology assists each teammate in picking the right product from the right shelf. Put-to-light technology indicates in which box picked items need to be placed. This not only speeds up picking but also helps reduce errors. A warehouse software in the background allocates work intelligently. The system is scalable; in peak times, for example, adding more vehicles helps to deal with an increased workload.

Both GEODIS, a top supply chain leader, and Grenzebach, a leader in the automation of industrial production lines, operate worldwide.

GEODIS – www.geodis.com

GEODIS is a top-rated global supply chain operator recognized for its passion and commitment to helping clients overcome their logistical constraints. GEODIS' growth-focused offerings (Supply Chain Optimization, Freight Forwarding, Contract Logistics, Distribution & Express, and Road Transport) coupled with the company's truly global reach thanks to a direct presence in 67 countries, and a global network spanning 120 countries, translates in top business rankings, #1 in France, #6 in Europe and #7 worldwide. In 2018, GEODIS accounted for over 41,000 employees globally and generated €8.2 billion in sales.

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Grenzebach is a worldwide leader specializing in the automation of industrial production lines. By providing services encompassing the entire life cycle of a project, Grenzebach's tailor-made automation solutions have a positive impact globally in glass and building material manufacturing as well as intralogistics. Many years of experience, continuous development, and sustainable support services are what make Grenzebach one of the most preferred partners worldwide. Three thousand installed lines in 55 countries prove that the Grenzebach name stands for quality and reliability. Amazingly, 90 percent of Grenzebach's products are for export, which reflects that the medium-sized family-owned company from Germany is a global player in the industrial automation.



Getting it right the first time – an achievable goal in eCommerce with a Goods-to-Person system supporting teammates in commissioning processes.

Credit: Grenzebach



Pick-by-Light and Put-to-Light guide teammates through the picking process and thus make picking faster and more reliable.

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Teammates can be trained during ramp up already thanks to virtual reality—a clear advantage regarding time and efficiency.

Credit: Grenzebach

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