

## Press release

# TNT Express opens Asia Pacific Regional Security Command Centre in Singapore

### *Facility to enhance TNT Express' Asia Road Network and integrated air-road solutions*

**Singapore, 5 December 2011** – TNT Express, one of the world's largest express delivery companies, today opened its advanced Regional Security Command Centre in Singapore. The new facility will monitor TNT's integrated air and road operations in the Asia Pacific region, starting with its Asia Road Network and regional truck fleet.

The official opening of the facility was officiated by Guest-of-Honour Mrs. Josephine Teo, Minister of State, Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Transport. At the ceremony, Mrs Teo said, "We are very pleased that TNT has decided to centralise its regional security facility in Singapore, a major nerve centre for TNT's operations in the Asia Pacific region. This is a vote of confidence in Singapore and we are committed to continue to support TNT's further growth and expansion in Singapore and the region. The increased security this centre brings will also boost Singapore's reputation as a trusted logistics and transport hub. It affirms Singapore's capabilities in developing and innovating its supply chain solutions to address companies' needs in Asia."

Michael Drake, Managing Director of TNT Express, Asia Pacific said, "Singapore is a critical hub for TNT's operations in Asia. This facility is our latest initiative to make our proactive security approach more comprehensive, and also to strengthen our integrated air and road solutions for our customers. We established the Asia Road Network back in 2005 with the aim of creating a viable and reliable mode of goods transportation in the region, a cost-efficient alternative to air and sea."

The Regional Security Command Centre is equipped with high tech equipment and also with 24/7 surveillance for unsurpassed security. The first phase in the development of the Regional Security Command Centre involves the monitoring of TNT Express' Asia Road Network vehicles via GPS systems. This provides customers full visibility over their goods round-the-clock. Advanced security features on TNT Express' latest fleet of Asia Road Network trucks enable the vehicles to be tracked and controlled from this facility. The Regional Security Command Centre

will have direct communication links to all customs and police authorities across all the countries on the Asia Road Network and all TNT truck drivers on the move.

Stretching more than 7,650 kilometres, TNT's Asia Road Network covers 6 countries and 127 cities in Southeast Asia and south China. It provides businesses a flexible, cost-effective way to transport goods between Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam and China either by road, or a combination of road and air. TNT's road service is on average 30 per cent cheaper than air transportation and three times faster than sea transportation. Since 2005, volumes on the Asia Road Network have grown by a double-digit percentage each year. TNT Express currently operates 132 scheduled departures on the Asia Road Network each week.

In the next phases of development, TNT Express will integrate the monitoring of its air hubs and depot operations in the Asia Pacific region.

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## **Notes to editors**

### **About TNT Express**

TNT Express, one of the world's largest express delivery companies, moves 4.7 million parcels, documents, and pieces of freight every week to more than 200 countries. TNT Express operates air and road transportation networks in Europe, China, South America, the Asia-Pacific and the Middle East. The company employs 83,000 people and runs a fleet of about 30,000 road vehicles and 50 aircraft. It has more than 2,600 depots and sorting centres. TNT Express made €7.053 billion in revenue in 2010. For more information, please visit TNT's website at: <http://www.tnt.com/corporate>

### **About TNT Singapore**

TNT established its operations in Singapore in 1974. Since then, Singapore has been a critical hub for TNT's operations in the region and a base for its Asia Pacific Regional Office. TNT has invested significantly into developing its base operations in Singapore – this includes the Regional Hub, Singapore Depot and Customer Contact Centre and the Life Science Express Hub

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