

Dutch Prime Minister celebrates TNT Post job creation

Mr Mark Rutte visits TNT Post Ashton, Wigan, depot

Ashton, November 15th: The Dutch Prime Minister, Mr Mark Rutte visited TNT Post's Ashton, Wigan, depot today along with the Wigan Mayor, Cllr Joy Birch. The visit to Ashton was part of a day discussing Anglo Dutch trade relations.

Mr Rutte arrived in Ashton following separate business discussions with Prime Minister David Cameron and Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg and business leaders at Downing Street.

During the tour of the Ashton Depot, Harry Koorstra, CEO of Post NL which owns TNT Post, showed Mr Rutte how mail is sorted using the latest postal machinery and how the company is investing significant sums in its operations. They also discussed how TNT Post plans to create new jobs across the UK as the company grows.

TNT Post is the second largest postal company in the UK and handles over 200 million items a month. Dutch based owners, PostNL, is often regarded as the most efficient mail operator in the world.

Nick Wells, CEO TNT Post UK commented:

“We are really honoured to have Prime Minister Rutte visit our Ashton depot. TNT Post has a strong presence in the North West where we work with many local companies both large and small as well as public sector organisations.

“We aim to provide customers with an efficient and cost effective service and we were pleased to be able to show how we are investing significantly in the area and hope to continue to employ many more people in the area as we grow.”

The visiting delegation focused heavily on innovation, transport and logistics. The Dutch Embassy stated that Mr Rutte intended to use his visit to underline Dutch recognition of the significance of the wider North West region as an engine for growth and innovation in the UK, and its importance to the Dutch economy.

The Dutch Government is the first and only Government to establish a permanent business support office in the region and will host the 2012 Apeldoorn: British-Dutch Dialogue Conference in Manchester next March.

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About TNT Post

TNT Post is the second largest UK postal company and has the resources to deliver both addressed and unaddressed items. It currently handles more than 200 million items a month.

Since the liberalisation of the UK postal market on 1st January 2006, TNT Post has continued to impress businesses and public sector organisations in the UK with its innovative, sophisticated mailing services that bring unrivalled value and flexibility to clients. TNT Post's high profile wins in the addressed mail market include BT and Centrica.

TNT Post has in a short period of time impressed businesses and public sector organisations with its innovation, high-level service approach and cutting-edge technology investments. It has achieved some significant wins across sectors such as banking, utilities, leisure and media.

TNT Post, formerly TNT Mail, was established in early 2003 and signed its downstream access agreement in April 2004 and began operations in late August 2004. Since its launch, it has developed a number of products for customers including Premier, Premier Sort and PremierSort Flex. For more information on these services please visit www.tntpost.co.uk.

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About PostNL

PostNL processes 8.8 billion addressed postal items (including 100 million parcels) each year and delivers to more than 88 million addresses in the Benelux, Germany, the UK and Italy. PostNL's main business is mail: collecting, sorting, transporting and delivering letters and parcels. The company also provides services in the area of data and document management, direct marketing and fulfilment. PostNL employs some 77.000 people. In 2010 the company generated a turnover of nearly 4.3 billion euros.

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