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## GSE launches the first operation in Morocco

The Moroccan investor Sofilog requested GSE to design and build a logistics park at Casablanca, named "Logistica Parc Chefchaouni", which will at term house 100 000 m<sup>2</sup> of logistics platforms.

The first stage of this expansion project will be the construction of a 15 000 m<sup>2</sup> platform for the Exel group, 10 000 m<sup>2</sup> of which will be dedicated to the logistics of the ACIMA mark, a company 51% owned by the ONA (Office National Africain) and 49% by the Auchan Group and the rest for other Exel clients. The construction began at the beginning of March and delivery will take place at the end of July 2005.

This is a first contract for GSE on Moroccan soil. Sofilog decided to entrust the construction of this park to GSE due to our vast experience in the management of operations of this type throughout Europe, and to our capacity to undertake the entirety of the operation from the administrative to the technical expertise. With 430 million Euros turnover and more than 10 million m<sup>2</sup> constructed over 30 years, the GSE group holds a leading position in the turnkey construction of industrial and logistics property for such clients as Renault, La Poste, TNT, Geodis, Gefco, Michelin, Coca Cola, Volkswagen, Danone, Alcatel, Schneider, Lafarge, l'Oréal, Novartis etc.

This park developed by Sofilog is ideally placed between the ports of Casablanca and Mohammedia. The park's proximity to the port, motorway, the Boulevard Chefchaouni and therefore the main industrial area of Casablanca (Aïn Sebaa) provides this project with a unique advantage in terms of logistics. As "Logistica" aspires to be a logistics park on an international level, the strictest criteria in terms of warehouse construction and park development have been respected.

The Exel Group is now present in Morocco via their subsidiary Exel Morocco acting as logistics operator and in the fields of large-scale consumer products, textiles and food processing industries.

**The GSE group** is specialised in the turnkey delivery of buildings in the industrial, tertiary and logistics sectors. Since it was set up in 1976, GSE has become the point of reference for the Turnkey Contractor profession due to our policy of taking the entire construction project in hand (financial arrangements, choice of site, technical estimating, design and construction). Based first and foremost on our capacity to listen to our clients, GSE's offer is anchored into a firm commitment in terms of deadlines, cost and quality. With a turnover of 430 million Euros in 2004, GSE goes from strength to strength.

In a 30 year period GSE has constructed more than 10 million m<sup>2</sup> for clients such as Auchan, Alstom, Coca Cola, Danone, Lafarge Plâtres, L'Oréal, Michelin, Rexel, Renault, Thalès, Schneider, Aventis Pasteur, Castorama and La Poste. Today the GSE group numbers 260 employees throughout the world, in France, Belgium, Great Britain, Ireland, Germany, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Poland, Hungary, the Ukraine, the USA, China, Switzerland and Romania.

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