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GSE SPAIN DELIVERS TO FEDEFARMA ONE OF EUROPE'S MOST ADVANCED LOGISTICS CENTER

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Meeting the needs of a fast-growing company

GSE Spain delivered to fedefarma a new logistics centre in Palau-Solità i Plegamans, a town in the Barcelona region. **GSE's** turnkey industrial construction concept will help the Spanish pharmaceutical distribution cooperative shape its future. fedefarma offers chemists integrated services that improve their competitiveness and profitability and strengthen their role in healthcare. The building's handover took place in the presence of David Pardo, fedefarma's Managing Director, and Joan Carles Aguado, Technical Director at **GSE Spain**.

The construction of this new robotised logistics centre was a major architectural challenge due to the specific features linked to process automation, for which adaptations were required and which make it one of the most efficient Spanish warehouses in its sector. With a total floor area of over 19,400 m², the warehouse can handle more than 130,000 orders per day. This performance amounts to an increase of nearly 40% in fedefarma's current production potential, resulting from the automation of over 30,000 articles.

To accomplish this tour de force, the **GSE** technical team built a prefabricated concrete structure with several mezzanines for offices overseeing the various lines of work. The building was designed to be as smart as possible. The basement accounts for 20 percent of the building's total floor area – an unusually large share in the world of logistics – and serves as a dispatch area for 36 vans. On the ground level, the platform has nine goods reception docks.

"We are very pleased with our collaboration with GSE and with the completion of our new logistics centre in Palau-solità i Plegamans. This new site will support fedefarma's growth in sales and enable us to continue offering first-class services to pharmacies. Thanks to this construction design, our future logistics centre not only offers the largest production capacity in Spain but also aims to become the most advanced logistics centre in Europe," said David Pardo.

On account of the type of products stored, **GSE** needed to ensure that the building could always maintain a controlled temperature between 18 °C and 25 °C. As a result, special attention was paid to the heating and cooling system, as well as to the building shell's insulation.

The project's excellence is recognised by a BREEAM Very Good certificate, which highlights fedefarma's and GSE's particular sensitivity to issues of corporate social responsibility and sustainable development. The certificate confirms that the building's design, as well as the choice of materials and manufacturing processes used, successfully minimise its environmental footprint.

GSE's approach: a 360° construction offer

GSE, a French company established in Spain for over twenty years, offers complete project management for constructing industrial and logistics buildings. Its teams work on all the project's stages, from preliminary design work through to the turnkey completion and handover of the building. This lets clients focus on their core business activities. **GSE's** client portfolio includes developers and users of logistics buildings, such as industrial companies needing to expand their business premises.

"We are the largest company in Europe specialising in the logistics sector. Our success is based on our ability to support our clients internationally," said Ramón Lázaro, **GSE Spain Sales Director**.

The process for obtaining authorisations and building permits was handled by **PGI TORRELLA** (TORRELLA for architecture and PGI for general facilities).

Project management was provided by **T80**, while the **NADICO** engineering company was in charge of its execution, managing construction work and coordinating health & safety aspects.

The site's inauguration should lead to the creation of nearly 200 jobs.

ABOUT GSE

Founded in 1976, GSE has become a global contractor specialising in the comprehensive management of commercial real estate projects in Europe and China (from real estate development and financing to the search for land, project qualification, technical studies, design & build, commissioning, and after-sales services), with commitments on prices, deadlines, and quality.

GSE has over 450 employees producing logistics, industrial, retail, and special purpose buildings, with a turnover of around 554 million euros in 2019. GSE operates in seven European countries as well as China. The company has twelve branch offices in France; its head office is in Avignon.

In 2019, GSE became a company of the GOLDBECK group, the European leader of turnkey construction with revenues of €3.5 billion and over 7,800 people employed at more than 70 sites.

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