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## **Private Sector Logistics Emergency Teams Support Relief Efforts in Japan**

*UPS, TNT, Maersk and Agility help deliver much needed relief supplies*

**TOKYO – May XX, 2011** - Logistics leaders UPS, TNT, Maersk and Agility are supporting the work of the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) in Japan by boosting vital warehousing, transport and logistics capacity for the Japanese authorities to ensure that critical relief supplies reach those affected by the devastating earthquake and tsunami. The four companies make up the Logistics Emergency Teams (LETs), a cross-company partnership that supports humanitarian relief efforts during natural disasters.

The LETs are working with the UN Global Logistics Cluster, which coordinates the logistical response of the entire humanitarian community in times of disaster. The Logistics cluster is led by WFP, which is the UN's frontline agency fighting hunger worldwide.

The earthquake and tsunami that hit Japan on March 11 left millions without access to water, food and basic necessities at the initial stage. In the first four weeks after this natural catastrophe, the LETs handled and delivered, at the request of the Japanese government, food supplies, blankets and other relief goods donated to Japan from foreign countries.

"The LETs play an important role in supporting WFP's work in the catastrophe in Japan and we greatly value their contributions of logistics services and employees that help us supporting operations on the ground," said Martin Ohlsen, WFP Logistics Director.

- TNT has to date delivered 50,000 blankets to Red Cross locations and shelters.
- TNT has deployed volunteer logisticians to assist WFP in supporting the local disaster response, UPS has assigned volunteers to provide communications and coordination support, and Agility has a volunteer on standby should additional resources be required

- UPS is providing customs and brokerage services as well as warehousing and transportation services, to date helping to deliver 200 metric tons of relief supplies for WFP - part of UPS's pledge of \$1 million in cash and in-kind services to relief effort.
- Maersk committed 125 twenty-foot containers for aid cargo and manages their delivery to logistics hubs in the affected areas.
- TNT, Agility and Maersk have also launched employee fundraising campaigns with employee donations to be matched by the companies.

The LETs initiative is the first multi-company commitment to the humanitarian sector and was launched in 2008 at the World Economic Forum Meeting in Davos, Switzerland. Central to the LETs model is the partnership of otherwise competing companies to utilize their corporate expertise, local resources and relationships in support of humanitarian relief efforts in response to natural disasters.

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\*\*\*\*\* **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**\*\*\*\*\*

**Logistics Emergency Teams:**

In the wake of the December 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, three companies, Agility, TNT and UPS, decided to look into a coordinated, industry-wide emergency support to humanitarian organizations. Under the auspices of the World Economic Forum and initiated by TNT CEO Peter Bakker, the companies started sharing best practices from their bilateral humanitarian partnerships. They developed a joint operating structure – today's LETs – to lend a collective hand to humanitarian organizations.

The Logistics Emergency Teams add to the member companies' respective humanitarian partnerships. The LET humanitarian assistance program has supported operations in Indonesia, Myanmar, the Philippines, West Sumatra, Haiti and Pakistan.



#### **About UPS**

UPS (NYSE: UPS) is a global leader in logistics, offering a broad range of solutions including the transportation of packages and freight, the facilitation of international trade, and the deployment of advanced technology to more efficiently manage the world of business. Since its founding in 1907, UPS has built a legacy as a caring and responsible corporate citizen, supporting programs that provide long-term solutions to community needs. Founded in 1951, The UPS Foundation, which celebrates its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2011, is responsible for facilitating community involvement to local, national, and global communities. In 2010, UPS and its employees, active and retired, invested more than \$95 million in charitable giving around the world. The UPS foundation can be found on the web at [UPS.com/foundation](http://UPS.com/foundation). To get UPS news direct, visit [pressroom.ups.com/RSS](http://pressroom.ups.com/RSS).



#### **About Agility**

Agility maintains a strong humanitarian assistance program and has formal partnerships with International Medical Corps and the World Food Programme. Agility has responded to many humanitarian disasters around the world. Since 2006, Agility has been able to positively affect more than 500,000 people in over 500 community volunteer or humanitarian assistance projects.

From its roots in emerging markets, Agility brings efficiency to supply chains in some of the globe's most challenging environments, offering unmatched personal service, a global footprint and customized capabilities in developed countries and emerging economies alike. A publicly traded company, Agility is one of the world's leading providers of integrated logistics with close to \$6 billion in annual revenue and more than 25,000 employees in 550 offices across 100 countries.

Agility's commercial business, Global Integrated Logistics (GIL), is headquartered in Switzerland. Agility GIL provides supply chain solutions to meet complex and traditional customer needs. GIL offers air, sea and road freight forwarding, warehousing, distribution and specialized services in project logistics, fairs and events, fuels and chemicals.

Agility's unique collection of portfolio businesses includes Agility Defense & Government Services, a logistics provider to governments, ministries of defense and international organizations. Agility's Infrastructure group of companies manages commercial and industrial real estate and offers solutions in customs optimization and clearance, waste management and recycling, aviation services, remote infrastructure and life support.

For more information about Agility, visit [www.agilitylogistics.com](http://www.agilitylogistics.com).



#### **About TNT**

TNT provides businesses and consumers worldwide with an extensive range of services for their mail and express delivery needs. Headquartered in the Netherlands, TNT offers efficient network infrastructures in Europe and Asia, serves more than 200 countries and employs about 160,000 people. Over 2009, TNT reported €10.4 billion in revenues and an operating income of €648 million. TNT is officially quoted on the Amsterdam Stock Exchange. TNT recognises its social responsibility and has formed partnerships with the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and in 2010, TNT was again awarded "Supersector leader" for 'Industrial Goods and Services' (including 'Industrial transportation') of the Dow Jones Sustainability Indexes (DJSI). To date TNT has invested €46 million in the partnership with WFP in the form of hands-on support in

emergencies, knowledge transfer projects to help WFP to be more efficient and effective, and advocacy and fundraising activities. On top of this, TNT employees have raised an additional €9 million for WFP's School Feeding Projects.

More information about TNT can be found on its website <http://group.tnt.com>

## About Maersk **MAERSK**

The A.P. Moller - Maersk Group (Maersk) is a worldwide conglomerate. We operate in some 130 countries and have a workforce of some 108,000 employees. In addition to owning one of the world's largest shipping companies, including Maersk Line, the world's largest container shipping company, we're involved in a wide range of activities in the energy, logistics, retail and manufacturing industries. More detailed information about all our business areas is available on [maersk.com](http://maersk.com).

## About WFP **World Food Programme** wfp.org

As the United Nations frontline agency in the fight against hunger, WFP is continually responding to emergencies. We save lives by getting food to the hungry fast. A key element in this response is the WFP-managed network of UN Humanitarian Response Depots. These are hubs, positioned near disaster-prone areas around the world, where emergency supplies are stored in readiness. WFP's expertise in logistics meant that in 2005 the agency was mandated to lead logistics operations whenever a humanitarian emergency requires a joint response from UN agencies and the humanitarian community. But WFP also works to help prevent hunger in the future, through programmes that use food as a means to build assets, spread knowledge and nurture stronger, more dynamic communities. WFP has developed expertise in a range of areas including Food Security Analysis, Nutrition, Food Procurement and Logistics to ensure the best solutions for the world's hungry. Every year, WFP brings food assistance to an average of 90 million people in 70 countries. Find out more at [wfp.org](http://wfp.org).