

## **Press release**

# New representative office in Uzbekistan

Gebrüder Weiss opens a location in Tashkent, the Uzbek capital. Another piece in the mosaic for expanding the local presence in Central Asia.

Lauterach / Tashkent, August 2, 2019. The international transport and logistics company Gebrüder Weiss is continuing its path to becoming a Silk Road specialist. On July 30, 2019, the logistics company opened a representative office in the Uzbek capital, Tashkent. "This adds to our local presence in Central Asia, enabling us to pave the way for our customers to a promising market, as the links between Europe and Asia are becoming increasingly important," says Thomas Moser, Director and Regional Manager Black Sea/CIS at Gebrüder Weiss. With a population of 30 million, Uzbekistan is one of the largest marketplaces in Central Asia.

The logistics company is regarded in the industry as a pioneer along the legendary trade route, and already has several of its own locations along the Silk Road – such as in Turkey, Georgia, Armenia, Kazakhstan, Russia, and China. The opening of the new office in Tashkent is another piece in the puzzle of the logistics company's business strategy to expand the land route between Europe and China. Customers in Tashkent and the surrounding area will now be served by local staff. "In addition to land transport, air and sea freight also make up part of our service portfolio," explains Thomas Moser. And these services are to be successively expanded. Organizationally speaking, the Uzbek representative office is assigned to the Gebrüder Weiss branch in Almaty, Kazakhstan.

### Transport hub on the Silk Road

From an economic point of view, the city of Tashkent with a population of two million is primarily known as an industrial city and transport hub on the Silk Road. Over 50 percent of the gross domestic product is generated by industrial companies in various sectors. Agriculture, construction, freight and passenger transport are some of the cornerstones of the economy, along with gas, oil, gold, and uranium. These mineral resources, textile and food products, and automobiles are some of the country's most important export goods. Its largest foreign trade partners are Russia, China, and Kazakhstan.



**CAPTION:** Gebrüder Weiss opens representative office in Tashkent / Uzbekistan (from left): Thomas Moser, Director and Regional Manager Black Sea/CIS, Ernazarov Kamil Rustamovich, Deputy Director of the Tashkent Representative Office, Wolfram Senger-Weiss, CEO, and Dieter Buchinger, Branch Manager East plus – all Gebrüder Weiss. (Source: Gebrüder Weiss)



**CAPTION:** The opening of the new office in Tashkent is another piece in the mosaic of the logistics company's Silk Road strategy. (Source: Lukas Bischoff)

#### About Gebrüder Weiss

With more than 7,100 employees, 150 company-owned locations and an annual turnover of 1.67 billion euros (2018), Gebrüder Weiss ranks among Europe's leading transport and logistics companies. In addition to its core business of land transport, air & sea freight, and logistics, the company operates a number of highly specialized industry solutions and subsidiaries under the umbrella of Gebrüder Weiss Holding AG, based in Lauterach (Austria) – including the logistics consultancy firm x|vise, tectraxx (industry specialist for hi-tech businesses), dicall (communications solutions, market research, training), Rail Cargo (railway transports), and the Gebrüder Weiss parcel service GWP, co-shareholder of the Austrian company DPD. This bundling of services allows the corporate group to respond to customer needs quickly and flexibly. Today, having implemented a variety of environmental, economic and social initiatives, the family-run company with a 500-year history is also considered a pioneer in sustainable business practices.

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