

## Press release

### **Gebrüder Weiss uses electric truck to transport HP products in Central and Eastern Europe**

**CO<sub>2</sub> emissions reduced by approx. 50 metric tons a year / Long-standing partnership between major industry players goes *greener* / Alternative drive technologies integral to the Gebrüder Weiss sustainability strategy**

**Vienna / Lauterach, July 30, 2021.** Efficient and sustainable transport solutions are key concerns for the logistics provider Gebrüder Weiss, and now they are being systematically rolled out in Central and Eastern Europe as part of its overall sustainability strategy. Since the start of June 2021, Gebrüder Weiss has been deploying an electric truck to deliver technology products for the computer and printer manufacturer HP. This is the second zero-emissions truck in the company's fleet. Manufactured by MAN, the vehicle produces some 50 metric tons less emissions than a conventional diesel model over the course of a year. Capable of traveling up to 150 kilometers without recharging, it runs daily services to electronics wholesalers.

"By incorporating an electric truck to deliver our products, we are taking a further stride with Gebrüder Weiss towards creating a more sustainable, net zero emission supply chain. Our long-term partner Gebrüder Weiss is supporting us with its high-quality logistics expertise and laying down a marker when it comes to cutting emissions in our European operations," says Michael Smetana, Managing Director Austria at HP.

#### **Partners for a quarter-century**

Gebrüder Weiss has been working for HP since 1996, managing numerous supply chains in Europe either as a conventional freight forwarder or a lead logistics provider. In this capacity, the company performs various services under its own brand and also coordinates third-party providers. More than a tenth of the transport services have been designed to optimize life cycles across different transport modes.

### **Alternative drive innovations boost sustainability**

With its first electric truck, Gebrüder Weiss successfully trialed the new technology in Greater Vienna over a period of several years. Equipped with a second electric vehicle, the company is now making further advances in embedding sustainable drive technologies in its supply chains. In addition to the fully electric models, which are charged with green electricity, the logistics professionals have a [hydrogen-fueled vehicle](#) and several natural gas-powered trucks in service. By tapping this and other initiatives, Gebrüder Weiss is aiming to achieve climate neutrality by 2030.



**Caption:** Gebrüder Weiss distributes HP products in Central and Eastern Europe with an electric truck (Source: Gebrüder Weiss / Jager)



**Caption:** Michael Smetana, Managing Director Austria at HP (Source: HP)

### **About HP**

HP Inc. creates technology that makes life better for everyone, everywhere. Through our product and service portfolio of personal systems, printers and 3D printing solutions, we engineer experiences that amaze. More information about HP Inc. is available at <http://www.hp.com>.

## **About Gebrüder Weiss**

With more than 7,400 employees, 170 company-owned locations and an annual turnover of 1.77 billion euros (2020), 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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