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1. **Royal Mail To Cull Workforce**

Royal Mail is preparing to shed up to 10% of its workforce. Some postal workers have already received letters outlining voluntary redundancy and a reduction in hours as the company tries to ease the effect of declining mail volume and business lost to rivals.

The news that as many as 16,000 jobs could go, follows a trend that is also being felt right across the express delivery industry as the recession continues to bite and the economy slows down. A remapping of its area management structure is already underway. It said it was still losing money on the Universal Service despite posting a profit last year of £225m.

Royal Mail has been seeing an annual decline in mail volume which has been rising at around 1% a year to a present level of 7%. In more recent years, Royal Mail has also lost many key contracts to other operators via access arrangements, even though Royal Mail still delivers much of it.

Despite an ongoing restructuring to its sorting network, it is under pressure to reduce operating costs further by encouraging more workers to take redundancy or reduce their hours. It is aiming to slash its wage bill by £470million a year. Few full-time posts have been available for the last two years.

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2. **Postal workers to protest job cuts**

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Postal workers will be outside the post office on Ringling Boulevard today, holding signs and fliers protesting plans to cut 59 jobs.

They also plan to solicit signatures on a petition opposing the U.S. Postal Service's proposal to move some operations from the Manasota Processing Plant on Tallevast Road to Tampa.

Local union representatives say the plan would reduce mail reliability and cause delays.

"It is going to slow down the mail," said Jim DeMauro, president of the local chapter of the American Postal Workers Union.

Postal officials say the change would not result in delays. They have not released a study showing how much money would be saved.

Postal records show that local mail sorted and delivered from the Manasota processing center was on time for more than 94 percent of deliveries last year, making it the most reliable in the SunCoast District.

DeMauro warns that reliability would change if some operations are moved to Tampa, where deliveries were on time 74 percent of the time.

If the agency follows through with the consolidation plans, mail sent from Sarasota to Bradenton would be routed to Tampa, sorted there, then sent back to Bradenton.

Under union rules, employees who lose jobs will be offered other positions. About 25 jobs would open in Tampa, and those would likely be filled by 150 postal workers already waiting for positions to open. Manasota workers would then be reassigned to post offices and processing centers throughout the region -- or further away.

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3. Hub operations in Subic on Friday

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SUBIC BAY FREEPORT, Philippines

Federal Express' last flight will land at the Subic Bay International Airport (SBIA) Friday at around 3:30 a.m., marking the end of its 13-year-old Asian hub operations here.

The courier giant is moving its entire hub operations to Guangzhou in China.

According to Fedex sources, its Philippine cargoes will be loaded and unloaded in Manila starting Friday night or Saturday morning.

They added that around 500 employees will be affected by the move.

The closure of its Subic Bay AsiaOne hub, which began operations in May 17, 1995, marks the activation of its superhub operations Guangzhou in. - John Bayarong,GMANews.TV

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4. DHL Global Environmental Commitment

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DHL has been recognized for its global environmental commitment by Climate Counts. Climate Counts, a leading nonprofit organization working in collaboration with Clean Air-Cool Planet, placed DHL well ahead of other major players in the logistics industry in its environmental scoreboard.

The scoreboard evaluates businesses based on their efforts to review, reduce and report their impacts on the climate. With 67 out of 100 possible points, DHL led the competition in the logistics industry by a high margin in all main categories. In the field of CO2 efficiency, Climate Counts recognized that DHL and its parent company Deutsche Post World Net have established clear goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, with oversight on climate action at the highest level in the company.

DHL and Deutsche Post World Net last year introduced their GoGreen Climate Protection Program aimed at improving its carbon efficiency and that of its subcontractors by 30 percent by the year 2020.

John Mullen, CEO DHL Express, commented on the recognition: "It's pleasing to receive recognition for our group-wide climate protection program. We are especially proud to be the only logistics company to fulfill around two-thirds or more of the requirements in the main categories, already in the first year that we are rolling out our comprehensive program GoGreen."

Climate Counts scores companies on 22 criteria in four main categories like review, reduction, policy stance and reporting. DHL was awarded for the completion of measurements of the impact that it has on global warming. The evaluation highlighted DHL's setting of clear goals to reduce CO2 emissions, investment in renewable energy and efficiency programs and the offer of products, which balance greenhouse gas emissions caused by cargo transport. The support of climate-specific employee awareness programs was also recognized, as well as DHL's detailed public information on its efforts to address global warming.

DHL Express undertakes assessments to reduce energy consumption

In comparison to last year's scoreboard, DHL made big gains due to improving its measurement efforts, setting stronger reduction goals, reporting on reductions and taking increasingly vocal stances on positive policies related to climate change. The recognition kicks off a year which is said to be difficult for the entire industry.

Says Mullen: "Despite the challenges we face, DHL Express remains committed to reaching the targets set for 2009 and beyond in the areas of air transport, surface transport, and real estate."

For DHL Express the most effective way to improve the carbon efficiency of its air fleet is to invest in newer, more efficient aircraft. It continually replaces older aircraft in our fleet and assigns new aircraft to its intercontinental routes. One example is the use of six Boeing B747-400F aircraft on its transpacific routes through its cooperation with Polar Air Cargo. In 2009, DHL will start utilizing brand new B777-200LRF wide-body freighters on its Euro-Asia routes through AeroLogic, a joint venture formed with Lufthansa Cargo.

DHL has also piloted an initiative to improve the loading density of its cargo aircraft. The initiative will lead to an even more efficient use of space, which in turn will lead to a reduction of flights.

In the area of surface transport DHL Express' ongoing vehicle replacement program helps to improve the emissions standards of its conventionally-fuelled vehicles. DHL is also testing non-conventionally fuelled vehicles, such as electric vehicles. It also works with its customers to use rail and water transport options which have the lowest CO2 emissions per weight carried.

To improve the carbon efficiency of its buildings, DHL Express undertakes assessments to see how it can reduce energy consumption. At pilot sites it has introduced measures such as lighting, heating and building controls. DHL also purchases energy from renewable sources, where possible.

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