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SWISSPORT WINS GROUND HANDLING LICENSE AT FRANKFURT AIRPORT

Swissport International AG has secured a license to provide ground handling services at Frankfurt Airport, Germany. The new license, commencing in February 2025, further consolidates Swissport's market leading position as an aviation services provider. To ensure a smooth start of its Frankfurt operations and reduce CO2 emissions, Swissport will be investing in state-of-the-art new electric equipment.

In a competitive international tender process, Swissport secured a license to provide ground handling services at Frankfurt Airport. Set to start 1 February 2025, the new license will run for seven years until January 2032. The company will now initiate the preparations already scheduled for the Frankfurt start-up to ensure a smooth launch. Frankfurt will become Swissport's largest site in Germany and one of its most important operations in Europe. Already today, Swissport provides airport ground handling, air cargo handling and fueling services at 15 airports in Germany, and at almost 300 airports worldwide.

"The license win is an important milestone for Swissport, and we look forward to serving airlines at Frankfurt Airport. Swissport is a leader in managing large complex airport operations, and Frankfurt further adds scale to our business", says Warwick Brady, President & CEO of Swissport International AG. "We will continue to provide a competitive advantage for our airline customers by consistently delivering operational excellence to drive performance and service excellence to positively influence passengers' experience. And we are keen to enable a smooth transition, ensuring job stability for the employees of the current ground handler and continued high quality service."

Next to ensuring consistent, high-quality service to customers, reaching its ambitious ESG targets is one of Swissport's top priorities. The company has committed to operating 55% of its fleet electrically by 2032 and to reducing carbon dioxide emissions to zero by 2050. Swissport plans to deploy state-of-the-art electric ground support equipment in Frankfurt, complementing the plans of airport operator Fraport to abolish all carbon emissions at fully consolidated airports they operate globally by 2045.

Swissport has been operational at Frankfurt Airport with its cargo handling unit since 1995. In November 2020, the company opened a new state-of-the-art air cargo warehouse including a modern pharma center at Cargo City Süd. Swissport Cargo in Frankfurt handled 135,000 tons of freight and employed 180 staff in 2023.

Additionally, Swissport's subsidiary N*ICE has been offering de-icing services in Frankfurt since 1999 and subsidiary AFS fueling services in Frankfurt since 1988. N*ICE employed 47 and AFS employed 78 staff at Frankfurt Airport in 2023.

In 2023, Swissport International AG provided best-in-class airport ground services for some 232 million airline passengers (2022: 186 million) and handled roughly 4.7 million tons of air freight (2022: 4.8 million) at 115 air cargo centers worldwide. Several of its warehouses have been certified for pharmaceutical logistics by IATA's CEIV Pharma and by the British MHRA. At the end of December 2023, the world's leader in airport ground services and air cargo handling, with currently around 60,000 employees, was active at 286 airports in 44 countries on six continents.

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