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SWISSPORT SETS TARGET FOR MINIMUM SHARE OF 50% OF ELECTRIC VEHICLES IN ITS GLOBAL FLEET BY 2025

Swissport, on the occasion of the publication of its latest Sustainability Report today, has committed to further invest in environmentally friendly equipment. By 2025, the company aims to increase the share of electric vehicles in its fleet to at least 50% to further reduce its carbon footprint and to improve the direct working environment of its employees.

The global leader of airport ground services and air cargo handling, commits to reduce the use of fossil-fuel powered vehicles in favor of more efficient and environmentally friendly Ground Support Equipment, especially electrically powered vehicles (eGSE). Between 2016 and 2018, Swissport increased the number of eGSE from 925 to 2,420 vehicles, among them electrical cargo lifters and battery-powered aircraft pushback tractors.

"As a signatory to the UN Global Compact, Swissport is committed to responsible business principles. We integrate sustainability into our decision-making," said Eric Born, President & CEO of Swissport International AG, as the company published its 2019 Sustainability Report this week. "Ultimately, sustainable business contributes to positive results and to value creation, increasing our flexibility to invest in environmentally friendly equipment and in social matters. With our ambitious multi-year fleet modernization program, Swissport will further raise the share of electrically powered vehicles to at least 50% by 2025 and continue to reduce its carbon footprint."

Part of the total investment in state-of-the-art GSE is for the introduction of telematic systems into our global fleet. Telematics optimize equipment utilization and contribute to a reduction of the fuel consumption. Investing in eGSE can reduce the consumption of fossil fuels and the carbon footprint by up to 40% at some airports, avoids harmful exhaust emissions and noise pollution and creates a healthier working environment for staff.

At Swissport, sustainability is integrated into the strategic and operational objectives. The company is currently preparing the implementation of a new group-wide environmental management system ready for 2020. Next to the obvious environmental benefits, this will support Swissport in creating value. The continuous improvement of a sustainable service delivery also benefits Swissport's corporate airline clients and their sustainability profile.

In 2018, Swissport International AG provided best-in-class airport ground services for some 282 million airline passengers and handled roughly 4.8 million tons of air freight in 115 cargo warehouses worldwide. Several of its warehouses have been certified for pharmaceutical logistics by IATA's CEIV. The world's leader in airport ground services and air cargo handling, with 66,000 employees, achieved consolidated operating revenue of 2.99 billion euros in 2018. At the end of June 2019, Swissport was active at 310 airports in 49 countries on six continents.

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Swissport's Sustainability Report 2019 highlights the achievements with which the company contributes to safeguarding the environment, its commitment to adopting and fostering industry innovations and its ambition to be a socially responsible employer. As a frame of reference Swissport relies on the Sustainability Reporting Standards (SRS) of the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI). The GRI Standards are the most widely adopted global standards for sustainability reporting. Swissport aims to further expand its coverage of GRI Standards.

The 2019 Sustainability Report [can be downloaded here.](#)

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