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THE KING OF BELGIUM VISITS SWISSPORT'S CARGO OPERATIONS AT LIEGE AIRPORT

King Philippe of Belgium visited Swissport's cargo operations at Liège airport today. The airport was recently awarded the status of a UN global logistics hub for the transport of medical and humanitarian material in the fight against COVID-19. Swissport plays a key role in ensuring that vital goods reach their destination on time.

Together with representatives of the WHO, the King of Belgium visited Liège airport, a key logistics hub that plays an important role in the global distribution of lifesaving materials. In April 2020, the United Nations' World Health Organization (WHO) and the UN World Food Programme (WFP) have designated Liège Airport as one of eight global logistics hubs for moving medical supplies across the world in the fight against COVID-19.

During the royal visit, King Philippe of Belgium was introduced to Swissport's activities at Liège Airport and observed the loading of a freight aircraft. The global collapse of commercial air travel and border closures have made it difficult for aid agencies and health authorities to transport vital supplies, especially to the world's most vulnerable areas. With its expertise in safe and reliable air cargo logistics, Swissport plays an important role in the global logistics chain. The transport of medical and humanitarian equipment is crucial, especially now.

"We are very grateful for the royal visit by his Majesty King Philippe of Belgium, which highlights the importance of our efforts throughout the COVID-19 crisis" says Koen Gouweloose, Head of Swissport Cargo Belgium. "I also want to sincerely thank our employees. Their endless efforts have enabled us to remain operational in the face of an international health crisis, reaffirming Swissport as an integral part of a strong international logistics chain".

With cargo volumes having doubled over the last three years, Liège Airport plays an important role in Swissport's strategic development plan for its Belgian cargo business. At Brussels Airport, Swissport has invested in a brand new and state-of-the-art Pharma Center, which became operational in November 2019. A new four-story office building and a refurbished cargo warehouse are scheduled to open in 2021.

In 2019, Swissport International AG provided best-in-class airport ground services for some 265 million airline passengers and handled roughly 4.6 million tons of air freight in 115 cargo warehouses worldwide. Several of its warehouses have been certified for pharmaceutical logistics by IATA's CEIV Pharma and by the British MHRA. The world's leader in airport ground services and air cargo handling, with 64,000 employees, achieved consolidated operating revenue of 3.13 billion euros in 2019. At the end of December 2019, Swissport was active at 300 airports in 47 countries on six continents.

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