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Reorganisation at Swissport International

Zurich, 28th November 2012 – Swissport International, the world’s leading aviation services group, has strengthened its top management structure in order to enhance performance and service quality and build upon its strategy of pursuing profitable growth.

With effect from 1st January 2013, Joe Phelan will become responsible for Ground Handling and Cargo in North America (USA and Canada) and Asia (Japan and Korea). He has successfully managed the Ground Handling and Cargo departments in North America since April 2012, after joining Swissport at the start of this year.

With the expansion of his role in January, Joe is being promoted to Executive Vice President, becoming a formal member of Swissport International’s Group Executive Management (GEM) board, bringing more than 25 years of international logistics and transport industry experience to the GEM.

Juan José Andrés Alvez will become responsible for Ground Handling Europe and Africa, as well as for Ground Handling and Cargo for Latin America and Brazil, also with effect from 1st January. Currently, Juan José’s areas of responsibility are Europe, Middle East, Asia, Africa and Brazil. Additionally, Israel remains under his leadership.

John Batten, Executive Vice President of Global Cargo, continues to be responsible for the Cargo division on a global basis.

The Ground Handling Division Central Europe remains under the leadership of Philipp Joeinig.

Per H. Utnegaard, President and CEO of Swissport International, commented: “We have made considerable progress in recent months in enhancing our service quality, efficiency and profitability and this new structure builds upon that success. These changes will have positive effects for our customers and for our own organisation, furthering our strategy of pursuing profitable growth.”



Swissport International Ltd. provides ground services for around 116 million passengers and 3.5 million tonnes of cargo a year (the latter using 105 warehouses with a total floor area of over 420,000 square metres) on behalf of some 650 client-companies in the aviation sector. With a workforce of around 39,000 personnel, Swissport is active at 195 stations in 38 countries on five continents, and generated consolidated operating revenue of approximately CHF 2.0 billion. www.swissport.com

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