

Swissport wins licences for Moroccan international airports

Zurich, 19th April 2012 - Swissport International, the world's leading provider of ground services, welcomes yesterday's announcement by the Moroccan Airports Authority (ONDA, Office National Des Aéroports) Tender Commission to award Swissport International with the handling licences for international airports in Morocco.

The award of the licences follows a comprehensive and rigorous open tender process. Both Swissport and ONDA are confident that the tender result will be positive for the general development of the airports in Morocco and its aviation sector, as well as for employees, airlines and passengers. The licences include the hub airport of Casablanca Mohammed V (CMN) in addition to major tourist destinations such as Marrakech (RAK).

Known worldwide for high quality ground services and good business relations, Swissport will now engage with the appropriate stakeholders to ensure a smooth and efficient start-up of operations in July. Swissport is committed to selecting and deploying qualified, motivated handling staff from existing providers to the largest possible extent. An experienced management team will be put in place shortly for the start-up preparation.

Juan Jose Andres Alvez, Executive Vice President of Swissport International for Ground Handling in Europe, Middle East, Asia & Africa, comments: "We are all excited about this great tender success. The market entry in Morocco is an important milestone in Swissport's geographical expansion in Africa. The company will make sure that the right people and resources are in place to fully meet the requirements and expectations of ONDA, airlines and passengers. Over the coming days and weeks we shall coordinate with the main stakeholders.

Besides being a professional provider of ground services, Swissport is determined to add value and support to Morocco's aviation industry and the wider national economy. Alongside our existing operations in South Africa, Kenya, Tanzania and Algeria, the award of the Morocco licences will considerably strengthen Swissport's position in North Africa. We look forward to further developing our operations and hub expertise in this important and promising region."

Swissport International Ltd provides ground services for around 108 million passengers and 3.2 million tonnes of cargo a year (the latter using 98 warehouses with a total floor area of over 350,000 square metres) on behalf of some 650 client-companies in the aviation sector. With a workforce of around 35,000 personnel, Swissport is active at 177 stations in 36 countries on five continents, and generated consolidated operating revenue of CHF 1.7 billion in 2011. www.swissport.com

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