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Stockholm-Arlanda, first airport to become *Airport Carbon Accredited* for carbon neutrality

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Brussels, 16 November 2009: Following the launch of *Airport Carbon Accreditation* by ACI EUROPE in June this year, LFV's Stockholm-Arlanda airport has become the first airport to receive the highest possible accreditation status for their outstanding efforts to lower their impact on climate change.

As the institutionally-endorsed programme for independently assessing and recognising airports' efforts to manage and reduce CO₂ emissions, *Airport Carbon Accreditation* has awarded Stockholm-Arlanda airport the 'Neutrality' level of accreditation. This level recognises that the airport has achieved a 50% reduction in its carbon emissions over the last 3 years. Additionally, it reflects that the airport is also actively engaging stakeholders on its site to lower their respective emissions and, finally, that it is offsetting any of the remaining CO₂ emissions that are under its direct control.

Olivier Jankovec, Director General ACI EUROPE said "*Today is a red letter day for Airport Carbon Accreditation, with the first airport becoming accredited for carbon neutrality. A major hub in Northern Europe, Stockholm-Arlanda airport is leading the way, clearly demonstrating the commitment of European airports to neutralise their carbon footprint.*"

Kerstin Lindberg Göransson, Managing Director of Stockholm-Arlanda Airport said "*Stockholm-Arlanda is already seen as a role model by many international analysts in terms of combatting climate-changing emissions, and this institutionally-recognised accreditation provides further evidence that the work we're putting into this also yields results. This is a strong endorsement of the actions we've undertaken to address our impact on climate change – a challenge which LFV is treating seriously across our entire network.*"

Airport Carbon Accreditation is comprised of 4 progressive levels of accreditation – *Mapping, Reduction, Optimisation* and *Neutrality*. The programme is administered by leading consultancy WSP Environment & Energy* and overseen by an independent Advisory Board including representatives of the European Commission, ECAC (European Civil Aviation Conference) EUROCONTROL and UNEP (United Nations Environmental Programme).

Over 30 airports – accounting for 26% of European airport traffic - have already signed up to *Airport Carbon Accreditation* and are due to become formally accredited in the months ahead. To date, in addition to Stockholm-Arlanda, Frankfurt airport (Fraport) and Izmir airport (TAV) have already become *Airport Carbon Accredited*.

Notes for editors:

The IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) has estimated that aviation's total CO₂ emissions account for 2% of global emissions' impact on climate change. Of that figure, airports' own operations only account for up to 5%, but European airports are keen to tackle their greenhouse gas emissions –several individual airports operators having already committed to becoming carbon neutral in the past few years with some having already achieved this.

*WSP Environment & Energy is one of the world's largest environmental consultancy firms employing over 1,000 staff globally to provide innovative solutions to environment-related business issues. WSP Environment & Energy leads the field in carbon and climate change advice.

Stockholm-Arlanda airport, which saw 18.1 million passengers pass through its doors in 2008, is operated by the **LFV Group**. The group operates 16 airports and is also responsible for air navigation services in Sweden. The LFV Group is the first major Swedish company to have chosen to become climate neutral. This means that LFV can now offer services that are produced without having a negative affect on the climate. For more information, go to www.lfv.se

For further information about **Airport Carbon Accreditation**, including a full list of participants, please go to www.airportcarbonaccreditation.org

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