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Frankfurt Airport first airport to become *Airport Carbon Accredited*

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Brussels, 15 September 2009: Following the launch of *Airport Carbon Accreditation* by ACI EUROPE in June this year, Frankfurt Airport has become the first airport to receive its accreditation status.

As the institutionally-endorsed programme for independently assessing and recognising airports' efforts to manage and reduce CO₂ emissions, *Airport Carbon Accreditation* has awarded Frankfurt Airport the 'Reduction' level of accreditation. This level recognises that Frankfurt Airport has achieved a substantial reduction in its carbon emissions over the last 3 years, based on effective carbon management procedures and a comprehensive reporting of its carbon footprint.

Olivier Jankovec, Director General ACI EUROPE said "*Today marks yet another milestone for Airport Carbon Accreditation, with the first airport receiving its accreditation. With a reduction of about 42.000 tonnes of CO₂ during the last three years and an active carbon management programme in place, Frankfurt Airport is an excellent example of the action that European airports are taking to lower their carbon footprint.*"

Dr Stefan Schulte, CEO, Frankfurt Airport commented "*We are delighted to be the first airport certified according to the stringent criteria of Airport Carbon Accreditation. This is a validation of our efforts and underscores the actions taken by Fraport to minimise our impact on climate change. Reducing CO₂ emissions per passenger and per 100 kilogram of freight by 30 percent by 2020 is a strategic goal that Fraport is vigorously pursuing.*"

Airport Carbon Accreditation is comprised of 4 progressive levels of accreditation – *Mapping, Reduction, Optimisation and Neutrality*. The programme is administered by leading consultancy WSP Environmental* and overseen by an independent Advisory Board made up of 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.

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 Environmental 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 Environmental leads the field in carbon and climate change advice.

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

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