



PRESS RELEASE

AEROPORTO GUGLIELMO MARCONI DI BOLOGNA S.p.A.:

Further support to the realization of People Mover, to strengthen the connectivity and the mix-mode commuting of the Airport

Bologna, 20 April 2016 – Aeroporto Guglielmo Marconi di Bologna informs that, in order to strengthen the connectivity and the mix-mode commuting of the airport and as well in line with the strategic guidelines that have determined the investment on the project “People Mover” for an amount of 15 million euros, of whom 11 million by subscription of EFI (“equity financial instruments” laid down by the last paragraph of Article 2346 c.c.), the Board of Directors today has approved a further support to the realization of the project. In particular, through the availability to postpone some rights connected to the investment in Marconi Express S.p.A. to the previous satisfaction of banks financing the project, and the pledge as security to these financial institutions of the above indicated EFI.

These agreements and contracts will be finalized and signed according to a timing schedule coherent with the progress of the project, currently ongoing.

The People Mover expects, when completed, the journey between Bologna’s Airport and the Central Rail Station in less than 10 minutes, with positive impacts both for passengers departing from the metropolitan area and all the passengers that use the train to reach Bologna and its airport.

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***Bologna Guglielmo Marconi Airport**, classified as a "strategic airport" in the centre-north area of the National Airports Plan prepared by the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport, is now the seventh biggest Italian airport by passenger numbers, with nearly 7 million passengers in 2015, of which 75% on international flights (Source: Assaeroporti). Located in the heart of the Emilian food valley and the automotive and packaging industrial districts, the airport has a catchment area of about 11 million inhabitants and around 47,000 companies, with a strong propensity to exports and internationalisation and with commercial expansion policies to Eastern Europe and Asia.*

In 2015 102 destinations were served from Bologna: the presence at the airport of some of the largest airlines in Europe along with some of the leading low-cost carriers and the close link with European continental hubs make Bologna Italy's fifth airport in for global connectivity (Source: ICCSAI - Fact Book 2015) and the first in Europe in terms of growth of connectivity in the decade from 2004 to 2014 (Source: ACI Europe Airport Connectivity Report 2004-2014).

As for airport infrastructure, the airport has recently completed a major upgrade and expansion of the passenger terminal, while the capacity of aeronautical infrastructure is deemed adequate to accommodate the expected growth over the coming years. The company's aim is to make Bologna Airport one of the most modern and functional in Italy, an important gateway to the city and region

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