



ground.net: The European ground handling network

Under the name "**ground.net**", the German ground handling company **AeroGround Flughafen München GmbH**, **Goldair Handling** of Greece and **AAS Airline Assistance Switzerland** recently began offering high-quality ground handling services across various locations to airline customers in Europe.

The alliance between the three companies is based on close cooperation in sales and marketing at the company's locations in Germany, Greece, Bulgaria, Cyprus and Switzerland. **ground.net** was founded in order to offer airline customers with network agreements an alternative to global players in the market for ground handling services. Apart from sales and marketing, the cooperation will also cover information technology (IT), procurement of equipment, employee qualification and establishment of standardised operating processes.

In future, all information on the ground handling network, the cooperation partners and the services can be obtained from the Internet sites www.ground.net and www.groundnet.aero. The intention long term is to expand the alliance to further ground handling companies and establish a European ground handling network with **ground.net**.

AeroGround's Managing Director Mr. Siegfried Pasler: "We're proud that the alliance between AeroGround, Goldair Handling and AAS now has a presence under the joint name and logo "ground.net". The network will enable us to fulfill customers' individual wishes and requirements not only at Munich Airport, but also at the partners' locations, with the highest possible standards of quality."

Goldair Handling's CEO Mr. Dimitris Papamichail: "We are happy to jointly meet the requirements of our valuable customers for local expertise and offer benefits through tailor-made ground services to potential new customers. 'ground.net' will meet and exceed the needs and expectations of all carriers, including scheduled, leisure, low-cost, cargo and business aviation airlines, while maintaining the high level of quality services of the alliance's partners."

Airline Assistance Switzerland's CEO, Mr. Dieter Streuli: "The strong brand "ground.net" will help us to jointly address our customers - it will underline that we are not only a loose association of providers but a strongly cross-linked partnership able to offer and provide services across the network as a single group."

Alliance under ground.net:

AeroGround (AE) is the leading ground handling service provider at Munich Airport. Together with its sister companies aerogate and Cargogate, AeroGround offers ramp, passenger and cargo handling under one roof. AeroGround is the only full-service provider in Munich and delivers high quality services geared to the various business models of its diverse customer base. The commitment to quality is reflected by ISAGO and ISO certification as well as various awards attesting to the company's operational excellence. For additional information, please visit the AeroGround website: www.munich-airport.com/aeroground

Goldair Handling is one of the leading suppliers of ground handling services throughout south-eastern Europe and is the only Greek ground handling company which operates at 31 airports in three countries: Greece, Cyprus and Bulgaria. Goldair Handling was founded in 1992 and currently has 160 clients under contract for a variety of passenger, ramp and cargo services. The company has been awarded the IATA ISAGO and ISO certifications for high quality standards. For further information visit www.goldair-handling.com or follow Goldair Handling on linkedin.

Airline Assistance Switzerland (AAS) is a young, dynamic and customer-focused ground handling service provider in Zurich, Switzerland. The company's core values are impeccable credibility, fast adaptability and efficient structures for rapid communication. That enables AAS to offer efficient and customized ground handling solutions. Underscoring the high quality standards of AAS is its ISO certification. The company is also preparing for ISAGO certification in 2015. For further information visit AAS at www.aas.aero.