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Press release

North Sea Aviation Center announces plans for new Business Terminal at Ostend-Bruges Airport

Ostend, Tuesday 19th September 2017 – During a press conference today, NSAC introduced its plans for the construction of a brand new Business Terminal for General Aviation at Ostend-Bruges Airport.

Jef De Kinder, CEO of NSAC, explained the plans for the construction of a Business Terminal that will provide a total concept for General Aviation customers. In first phase it concerns private and business flights that will receive the desired service through the Business Terminal. In addition, NSAC will take care of the handling for aircraft up to 45,5 tons and offer a modern hangar for aircraft and helicopters. Maintenance services will also be offered for both aircraft as helicopters, this will be supported by Gill Aviation. Additional services such as passenger transport, catering, flight planning and aircraft sales are also part of the company's strategy.

The realization of the Business Terminal will proceed in several phases, starting with the upgrading of an existing hangar at the beginning of next year. The second phase will see the construction of the Business Terminal, which is expected to be ready for use by January 2019. In a third and final phase, the construction of an additional hangar will commence that will be used for various maintenance services. Total investment will amount to 1.850.000 euro.

Johan Vande Lanotte, Mayor of Ostend welcomed the attendees and emphasized the importance of this initiative for the city. Like the airport of Ostend, the city is also expanding: "We are evolving from a seaside town that only saw a lot of tourists in the summer, to a city that can offer many activities throughout the year, both on cultural, sports as on a culinary level. I'm very much looking forward to this new development at Ostend Airport. This will ensure a completely new form of tourism to Ostend: one lands at the airport, stays in the city for a few days and flies back. I am convinced that this will add value and give an extra boost to, among other things, the hospitality and shopping scene in Ostend. "

Ostend-Bruges Airport, which is known for its passenger and cargo flights, will intensify its General Aviation activities with the construction of a Business Terminal. Marcel Buelens, CEO of Ostend-Bruges Airport: "We have the ambition of becoming Belgium's '*Le Touquet*' in the area of General Aviation, all ingredients are present and I am very pleased that we can team up with a partner like NSAC."

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