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## **Press Release**

### **Eiffage and Marseille Provence Airport have just been awarded the concession for Lille-Lesquin Airport**

Eiffage and Marseille Provence Airport are partners in a company that has just been awarded the concession for Lille-Lesquin Airport by SMALIM (the syndicate representing Lille-Lesquin and Merville Airports). Eiffage is the majority shareholder of the company.

The company will be responsible for all aspects of investment, maintenance, upkeep and operations at Lille-Lesquin Airport for a period of 20 years commencing on 1 January 2020. On that date it will take over the staff of the current operator.

The project includes renovating and extending the existing terminal to upgrade the facilities offered to clients and cater for growth at the Airport. Quality of service will also be improved by deploying a vast programme of digital technologies to enhance the client experience.

Environmental challenges will be taken very seriously, notably through ambitious plans to increase the use of public transport to get to the Airport and to reduce the Airport's carbon footprint. The Airport will apply for the Airport Carbon Accreditation label.

Eiffage and Marseille Provence Airport will ensure that Lille-Lesquin Airport fully embraces its role as a driving force for the development of the region, working side by side with local players in business and tourism.

Eiffage already has a long history in the Hauts-de-France region where it employs 6,000 people. The Airport concession strengthens those local ties and also offers a further illustration of the pertinence of Eiffage's business model as a constructor and concession holder. Lille-Lesquin Airport corresponds to its strategy to diversify and extend the duration of its portfolio of concessions. Another example is the Eiffage-APRR partnership, which was recently identified as the potential sole concession holder for infrastructures in the Allier region within the European project for roads crossing France from east to west (RCEA).

Marseille Provence Airport contributes its expertise as an airport concession holder and airport operator. It has experience in incorporating short-term decisions into a long-term vision and shaping an airport strategy that structures the development of a whole region.

This project is perfectly in line with Marseille Provence Airport's strategy to offer its expertise to other regions in France and abroad. When competing against experienced legacy players, Marseille Provence Airport is able to highlight the expertise of its teams and show what it is capable of as a respected international airport.

**Eiffage**

Eiffage is a European leader in public works and concessions. Its specialist fields are construction, real estate, renovation, civil engineering, metal, roads, energy and concessions. The Group can count on the experience of over 70,400 employees. In 2018 it generated sales of €16.6 billion, almost 26% internationally.

**Marseille Provence Airport**

In 2018, Marseille Provence Airport handled 9.4 million passengers, ranking it as the 4th French regional airport in terms of passenger traffic. It is also the number 1 French regional airport for express cargo, and the leading airport for express cargo in the western Mediterranean. Thanks to its privileged location and past investments, 33 scheduled airlines chose our Airport in 2018, operating direct flights to over one hundred destinations in 27 countries (annual programme). Marseille Provence Airport now hosts almost 200 businesses and 4,500 employees, including 380 Airport employees.

**SMALIM**

SMALIM is a state-owned syndicate that manages both Lille-Lesquin and Merville Airports. The members of the syndicate are the Conseil Régional Nord-Pas de Calais (60%), the Métropole Européenne de Lille (34%) and the Communauté de Communes Flandres Lys (6%).

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