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The Bellova consortium, led by Egis, takes over the management of Paris-Beauvais airport and commits itself to its modernisation project

Bellova is made up of Egis, Serena Industrial Partners, Bouygues Construction ¹, Aéroports de la Côte d'Azur and TIIC. The concession contract for France's 10th largest airport, signed this summer, takes effect on Tuesday 1st October. The SMABT (Syndicat Mixte de l'Aéroport Beauvais Tillé), which owns the airport, decided to award the contract at its union council on 29th April.

The modernisation project is based on rational growth of commercial traffic and related activities. It includes strong commitments in terms of the environment and sustainable development, including in particular a plan to reduce nuisances.

A needed modernisation

Paris-Beauvais airport is a victim of its own success. The modernisation project is motivated by the saturation of the current facilities.

The overall design and layout, conceived by the Ameller Dubois architectural and Egis engineering teams, provides for a net increase of 1,000 m² of commercial space and 2,000 additional parking spaces. The aim is to achieve "BREEAM Excellent" ² certification and the work will be concentrated exclusively on the existing site. By reusing the existing terminals (which will be linked by a connecting building to centralise passenger flows) and aprons, greenhouse gas emissions will be reduced by 30% compared to building a new terminal of equivalent capacity.

The project is divided into a 22-month study phase and a 38-month construction phase, during which the new infrastructure will be progressively brought into service. The project, worth almost €190 million, has been awarded to a design-build consortium led by Bouygues Bâtiment Grand Ouest, which has a strong presence in the Beauvais area.

¹ Bouygues Construction is represented in Bellova by its subsidiary Bouygues Construction Airport Concessions. The modernisation work will be carried out by its local subsidiary Bouygues Bâtiment Grand Ouest.

² Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method: <u>BREEAM - Wikipedia (wikipedia.org)</u>

Ambitious social and environmental commitments

Bellova has set itself the target of achieving ACA (Airport Carbon Accreditation) level 3+ from 2028, then ACA level 4+ before 2032. This ACA 4+ level corresponds to ambitious reduction targets in absolute terms, in order to be compatible with the Paris Agreement. In particular, more than 120,000 m² of shaded photovoltaic panels are planned for the visitor car parks.

Bellova has made strong commitments to involve local businesses, with some fifteen exclusive agreements. 35,000 hours of work experience have been set aside for people who have been excluded from the labour market. A minimum of 10 employees on work-study contracts is also planned for the duration of the contract.

The project is expected to generate a large number of direct and indirect jobs (the airport currently accounts for 1,200 direct jobs and around 3,000 jobs in total).

A balanced project

The traffic plan sets a target of 45,000 annual rotations, the economic break-even point for the modernisation project, beyond which consultation with stakeholders will be required to ensure social and environmental acceptability. This compares with 34,000 rotations and 5.6 million passengers in 2023. In 2024, activity should increase to 37,000 rotations and 6 million passengers.

Meeting all stakeholders

Following presentations to the SMABT union council and the Beauvaisis community council on 6 June, Bellova representatives are working on a programme of meetings with stakeholders, giving priority to local elected representatives, including those from municipalities directly affected by the nuisance. This will be followed by meetings with local economic and social players. A presentation was made to airport staff representatives, pending meetings with all staff.

The choice of Bellova

The Bellovacs were one of the peoples of Belgian Gaul who gave their name to the town of Beauvais. The choice of Bellova as the name of the company is an opportunity for the Group to reaffirm a strong conviction: to place the airport modernisation project at the service of the region and its inhabitants.

<u>Frédéric MOR</u>, Director of Consulting and Operations for France, Egis: "Bellova is here for 30 years. In terms of decarbonising airport activities, our ambition is in line with the objectives of the Paris Agreement, with the deployment of innovative solutions to achieve this. Modernising our facilities will significantly improve the quality of service for passengers, which will of course help to raise the profile of the Beauvais area and further enhance the pride of the people who work at the airport."

<u>Sergio PARDO</u>, Director for France, Serena Industrial Partners: "One of the main factors that motivated us to take part in the project were the consortium's social and environmental commitments, which are perfectly aliqued with our vision of infrastructure at Serena IP and which we are delighted to see being implemented."

<u>Pierre-Antoine LHEUREUX</u>, Regional Director for Picardy, Bouygues Bâtiment Grand Ouest: "As a local player in the construction industry for 40 years in Beauvais and Picardy, we will be promoting proximity and making

the most of regional resources and expertise by working with local partners. We have already signed 15 exclusive contracts with companies in Picardie and Hauts-de-France to carry out the work to modernise the hub. We will also be making a social commitment by using the worksite to enhance integration and training."

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