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“Istanbul New Airport and Cargo City”. 3rd Istanbul Hub Seminar: Air Cargo & Logistic Strategies for Istanbul Hub

Summary:

Abdullah Nergiz, who is the marketing director of Istanbul New Airport (IGA) begins his presentation by summarizing the shift of economy from west to east and effects of this shift on aviation. He emphasizes the geographical advantage of Istanbul in terms of aircraft type. You can almost fly to any part of the world from Istanbul directly. He answers the question “why do we need a new airport in Istanbul.” Infrastructure of Ataturk Airport is not sufficient for the growth of air traffic in Istanbul. When we come to 2015, total international passenger number for both Istanbul Ataturk and Sabiha Gökçen airport was 90 million passengers. Also domestic traffic showed a rapid growth in recent years. In 2013 Consortium -IGA- has won to be the tender of Istanbul New Airport for 22 billion Euros. That number does not include the investment cost. Company also expects to spend 10 billion euros for the construction. Consortium includes 5 different companies and each company has 20 percent share on the project.

IGA has started to make commercial agreements starting from 2015. The first one was for 25 years with a German Duty Free Company: Heinemann. Also they made an agreement with DHL. DHL aims to use Istanbul as a hub for their operations.. In June 2015, IGA also made an consultancy agreement with Seoul Incheon Airport and Copenhagen airport to get help about the operational issues. That was the requirement of DHMI (Turkish Airport Authority). Another milestone for the project happened in October 2015; Consortium secured the financial credit for the project. The amount of credit was 4,5 billion euros, also shareholders will provide another 1,5 billion euros. These 6 billion euros will be enough for the first phase of project. He showed some charts to illustrate the area to be used for the construction. The new airport will be located on the north part of the city. Total area is about 72.000 square meters which is 7 times larger than Istanbul Ataturk Airport. This area will provide airport to develop easily without land problem if capacity development needed. He also showed how to reach to the airport by road and tram. He explained the transportation planning for the future to be constructed for new airport to be accessible from all around the city.

IGA has 32 months to complete the first phase of the airport and which date corresponds to November 2018. There will be 4 phases for the airport which are triggered by passenger number. In the first phase: When airport will open in 2018, airport will have the largest terminal building under one roof. There will be two independently operable parallel runways and also a cargo city will be available. At the end of first phase, a 3rd runway will be constructed just one year after the opening. In the 2nd phase, another runway will be built for mostly domestic flights. In phase 3, second terminal building with 30 million capacity, related runways and supporting facilities will be completed. In the last phase, 6th runway will be added and airport will reach 150 million capacity per year. Project has triggering construction model. When airport reaches 80 million passengers per year, 2nd terminal will be started to be built. When airport reaches 110 million passengers, satellites will be built. He also gave

technical details about the runway characteristics; such as A380 will be able to land in the new airport. He indicated by showing some graphics that even though there might be some shocks to air transportation from external environment, air travel tends to be increasing in the long time.