



**HungaroControl**

Hungarian Air Navigation Services Pte. Ltd. Co.

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### **A bouquet is decorating the new air traffic control centre – topping-out ceremony**

The project is carried on by updating technology

**The new air traffic control centre of HungaroControl was built in five months. Finishing the construction works of the structure was celebrated by the topping-out ceremony on 1 September 2011. In the frameworks of the project unparalleled in the Central-European region, HungaroControl develops its navigation infrastructure by means of the most modern technology. The renewing environment allows the Company to locate its already operating international training, simulation and R+D ventures in one place and by doing this, establish the only air traffic control knowledge centre in the region.**

The construction works of the structure of the new, nearly 10 thousand-square metre, three-storey air traffic control centre were finished at the end of August. In accordance with the plans, the next step is to create public utilities, then in February 2012 to install technology. The Hungarian Air Navigation Services will update their total information and communication system. The procurement of the devices needed to do this will be ended soon. Besides, in the following months, the development of MATIAS, the air navigation system created in accordance with HungaroControl's own needs will be accelerated, which will make possible the most modern communication between air traffic controllers and the board of aircraft. Air traffic controllers will be able to move into the new air traffic control centre at the end of 2012.

In the spirit of Hungarian tradition, a bouquet was hoisted at the highest point of the new building. During the topping-out ceremony, dr. Pál Vörner, under-secretary responsible for infrastructure, emphasized: "Increasing efficiency and competitiveness can only be executed by continuous development. The greatest virtue of ANS III programme is its being far-sighted, innovative and making Hungarian Air Navigation Services capable of preserving its technological advantage recognized internationally and establishing the long-range future of Hungarian air traffic control."

"Through this programme Hungary is granted the unique possibility, as beyond the fact that we are going to build a top modern air traffic control centre, the new technology will be installed in the presently used building, too. By this we lay the foundation of an international air navigation knowledge centre. Entry Point Central established with one of the most renowned training institutions as well as our regional research-development centre, CRDS will be located here. Our tower simulator providing true to nature images expanded to 360-degree angle of view will be accommodated here as well. We will establish an innovation centre which will be able to satisfy all the training, simulation and R+D demands of the whole region" – introduced the programme Kornél Szepessy, CEO of HungaroControl.



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During the topping-out ceremony, Attila Ughy, mayor of District 18 in Budapest, stressed: "HungaroControl is an outstanding employer of the aviation sector and one of the most successful state companies. This investment is not only about the future of a company but serves the interests of all, too."

### **About HungaroControl**

By way of its world standard technology, top-ranking developments and services, HungaroControl Hungarian Air Navigation Services Pte. Ltd. Co. is one of the most accurate, efficient and reliable service providers of air traffic control. It is the active regional initiator and cooperating partner in the Union integration being completed in the frameworks of Single European Sky.

According to statistics and prediction of EUROCONTROL, nearly 10 million flights a year fly over Europe, however, this number may as well get doubled within the following 20 years. The air traffic of Hungary has increased by forty per cent for the past 10 years. Presently, the air traffic controllers of HungaroControl handle more than 600 thousand flights a year. During periods of higher intensity, there is an aircraft entering Hungarian airspace in every 30 – 40 seconds. On the day of the heaviest traffic so far, 1 August 2010, the pilots of a total of 3255 aircraft were navigated by Hungarian air traffic controllers.

Last year HungaroControl launched several significant projects which aim at the development of air navigation services, guarantee the safe handling of the growing air traffic and at the same time promote the success of the imminent Union integration.

Beside the further development of its air traffic control services and technical-technological background, one of the strategic objectives of HungaroControl is to establish a regional, Central-European air navigation knowledge centre together with its partners in the following two – three years. The establishment of the knowledge centre is justified by the increase in the demand for simulation, research-development and training, which is partly generated by the establishment of the European integration and the creation of the Functional Airspace Blocks.

By all its projects, the aim of HungaroControl is to make the regional cooperation of 7 Central-European countries formed FAB CE become the most highly acclaimed Functional Airspace Block providing one of the best services in Europe and operating at the highest technical-technological level..

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