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HungaroControl's New Air Traffic Control Center Building Commissioned Today ANS III to go live in February next year

HungaroControl's new air traffic control center building, commissioned on 30 August 2012, marks a new important milestone of ANS III, the complex development plan for the Hungarian air traffic service. After installing the software, moving into the new facility, and completing a successful pilot operation, Hungarian air traffic controllers will control the airspace from the new hi-tech air navigation center.

As part of its ANS III complex development plan, HungaroControl Plc. Is establishing a new high-tech air traffic control center in Budapest, Hungary. The purpose of the investment is to extend the existing capacities of the Hungarian air traffic control and maintain its high level of efficiency, technological standards and reliability in line with the EU's integration plans and performance objectives. Built with EU funding of EUR 6 million in the framework of the TEN-T (Trans European Network – Transport) plan, the new air traffic control center has a total floor space of close to 10,000 square meters on three levels.

In the course of the project, HungaroControl will modernize its communications equipment and continue developing its world-class MATIAS air traffic control and information software. Air traffic control systems (including also third-party information systems, LAN radar, meteorology servers, etc.) are currently being moved to the new facility, with pilot operation planned to start in the autumn. In parallel with these activities, the company is working on the air traffic safety studies and on getting licensed by the Aviation Administration. From February 2013 onwards, HungaroControl's air traffic controllers will be controlling flights from the new air traffic control center.

When introducing the new building complex, **Szepessy Kornél**, HungaroControl's CEO said: "The new control center is a unique building that will house leading-edge technologies and the latest in network infrastructure currently available. World-class equipment, software, and an innovative work environment will help our air traffic controllers work even more effectively, efficiently, and accurately."

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Background information on HungaroControl

HungaroControl is Hungary's air navigation service provider, an active initiator of EU integration in the framework of the Single European Sky, and a member of the Functional Airspace Block for Central Europe. HungaroControl has caused practically zero-second delay for airlines and passengers for the last years, its aviation safety indicators have gained international recognition and its tariffs are over 30 percent lower than the European average.

HungaroControl launched a number of major development projects last year aiming at developing its aviation navigation services, guaranteeing the safe and secure handling of the growing air traffic. The new projects include the new air traffic control centre which will be completed by the end of 2012 with a total budget of EUR 40 million, including EUR 5.9 million EU support, which will make HungaroControl one of the region's leading air navigation service providers in terms of its technical and technological standards. This development will also make it possible for the Company to transfer its already operating international training, simulation and R&D undertakings (including the international air navigation academy Entry Point Central, along with the Centre of Research, Development and Simulation) to a single knowledge centre.

The goal of the investment projects underway at HungaroControl is to contribute to the success of European integration and to turn FAB CE, a block of seven Central European countries, into one of Europe's most efficient functional air space blocks, with the highest technical and technological standards.

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