



Delft University joins KLM Corporate BioFuel Programme

Amstelveen, May 9th 2017 - Over the coming two years, the staff at Delft University of Technology will take flights using sustainable biofuel. Today, the university signed an agreement to participate in KLM's Corporate BioFuel Programme. Through the Corporate BioFuel Programme, the Dutch airline hopes to promote the market for sustainable biofuel in the ultimate aim to reduce carbon dioxide emissions.

"I'm very glad that the Delft University of Technology has decided to join our Corporate BioFuel Programme," said KLM CEO Pieter Elbers. "I hope that other Dutch companies follow the example of the university and our current partners in the Programme and join in. It is essential to work with a variety of partners such as aircraft manufacturers, air traffic controllers, and airports so we can achieve real results and make the airline industry more sustainable."

By participating in the Corporate BioFuel Programme (CBP) the university wants to contribute actively to the introduction of more environmentally friendly jet fuel. With this partnership, the university can reduce CO₂ emissions among its staff's business travel by about 10% per flight.

"By joining the Corporate BioFuel Programme, the Delft University of Technology wishes to emphasise the importance of sustainable civil aviation," said Tim van der Hagen, chairman of the university's board of supervisors. Alongside our research into sustainable biofuels – including the development of bio-jet fuels – we believe it's important that our staff fly as sustainably as possible."

KLM will use the investment by participants in the CBP to bridge the price difference between standard fuel and sustainable biofuel. Other partners in the Corporate BioFuel Programme include ABN AMRO, Accenture, FrieslandCampina, the City of Amsterdam, Loyens & Loeff, the Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and Environment, PGGM and the Schiphol Group. KLM only purchases biofuels made from raw materials that have no negative environmental impact on biodiversity or food production. Sustainable biofuels are purchased through SkyNRG and have received a positive advice from SkyNRG's independent Sustainability Board. SkyNRG is certified by the Roundtable of Sustainable Biomaterials (RSB).

About the KLM Corporate Biofuel Programme

The KLM Corporate BioFuel Programme was established in 2012 in cooperation with SkyNRG. The corporations that participate in the KLM Corporate BioFuel Programme pay a surcharge that covers the price difference between sustainable jet fuel and fossil jet fuel. This investment is fully utilised by KLM to purchase sustainable jet fuel, supplied by SkyNRG. Consequently, the participating corporations reduce CO₂ emissions resulting from their business travel, but also contribute to the further development of the sustainable jet fuel market. Current partners in the programme are Delft University, ABN AMRO, Accenture, FrieslandCampina, City of Amsterdam, Loyens & Loeff, the Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and Environment, PGGM and the Schiphol Group.

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About SkyNRG

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About KLM

KLM Royal Dutch Airlines was founded on October 7 in 1919, making it the world's oldest airline still operating under its original name. In 2004, Air France and KLM merged to form AIR FRANCE KLM. The merger produced the strongest European airline group based on two powerful brands and hubs – Amsterdam Airport Schiphol and Paris Charles de Gaulle. Retaining its own identity, the group focuses on three core businesses: passenger transport, cargo and aircraft maintenance. KLM serves all its destinations using a modern fleet and employs over 32,000 people around the world. KLM is a leader in the airline industry, offering reliable operations and customer-oriented products resulting from its policy of customer centricity, innovation and efficiency. KLM is a member of the global SkyTeam airline alliance, offering customers an extensive worldwide network. www.klm.com

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