



### **Air Traffic Control the Netherlands becomes KLM's latest biofuel partner**

**Amstelveen, January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2018 - Air Traffic Control the Netherlands is joining KLM's Corporate BioFuel Programme. This will enable KLM to increase investment in sustainable biofuel. Air Traffic Control the Netherlands will buy sustainable biofuel for all its business flights.**

“Sustainable biofuel makes a structural contribution to increasing the sustainability of the airline industry. KLM is committed to this aim, but cannot do it alone. It is therefore fantastic that more and more Dutch companies, like Air Traffic Control the Netherlands, are signing up to our Corporate Biofuel Programme. Together we can make a difference.” Pieter Elbers - KLM President & CEO

“As air traffic control organization, we ensure the safety of air traffic in the Netherlands. Our employees also travel regularly outside the Netherlands to meet with our international partners. Air Traffic Control the Netherlands is delighted to be able to contribute to the sustainable development of the aviation sector by compensating for 100% of the CO<sub>2</sub> emitted by our business flights with KLM. This is a great example of how we jointly facilitate aviation, in a sustainable way.” Michiel van Dorst, CEO Air Traffic Control the Netherlands



### **Cutting CO<sub>2</sub> emissions**

KLM wants to cut its CO<sub>2</sub> emissions 20% by 2020 (compared to 2011). To achieve this, KLM has been investing not only in sustainable biofuels, but also in new aircraft and more efficient flight operations.

Using sustainable biofuels on a large scale can lead to an 80% cut in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, compared with fossil fuels. However, the price is still two or three times higher than that of regular kerosene. This is why there is a global need for technological developments and more research into sustainable raw materials, because the production and market for biofuels is still limited.

KLM has been actively working to develop a market for biofuels since 2011 and has tried to encourage other airlines to follow our example. Other partners in the Corporate BioFuel Programme are: Delft University of Technology, ABN AMRO, Accenture, FrieslandCampina, City of Amsterdam, Loyens & Loeff, Ministry of Infrastructure & Water Management, PGGM, and the Schiphol Group.

### **No negative impact on biodiversity**

KLM only buys biofuels that have been produced from raw materials that do not have a negative impact on biodiversity and/or food production. This sustainable fuel is sourced through SkyNRG and is assessed by the SkyNRG Sustainability Board, whose members include WWF International, the European Climate Foundation and Solidaridad Network. SkyNRG is certified by the Roundtable of Sustainable Biomaterials (RSB).

### **About SkyNRG**

SkyNRG is the global market leader for sustainable aviation fuel (SAF), having supplied over 25 airlines on all continents. SkyNRG sources, blends and distributes SAF, guarantees sustainability throughout the supply chain and helps to co-fund the premium. At the same time, SkyNRG focuses on developing regional supply chains that offer a real sustainable and affordable alternative to fossil fuels. SkyNRG has its operations [RSB certified](#) and is structurally advised by an independent [Sustainability Board](#) in which WWF International, European Climate Foundation, Solidaridad Network and the University of Groningen hold a seat.

### **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](http://www.klm.com)