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Royal Netherlands Air Force operates her F-16 Fighting Falcons per January on sustainable aviation fuel, supplied by SkyNRG, Shell Aviation and World Energy

Leeuwarden, January 16, 2019 – Starting per January 14th, the Royal Netherlands Air Force operates her flights from Leeuwarden Airbase on sustainable aviation fuel (SAF). The SAF is supplied by SkyNRG and Shell Aviation and produced in the US by World Energy, at this moment the only producer of SAF worldwide.

The sustainable aviation fuel is used by the F-16 Fighting Falcons flying out of Leeuwarden Airbase. By operating her F-16 Fighting Falcons on SAF, the Royal Netherlands Air Force aims to further reduce her ecological footprint.

The F-16 Fighting Falcons fly on a mix containing 5% SAF. The SAF, produced by World Energy from used cooking oil, is supplied by SkyNRG and Shell Aviation at the airbase in Leeuwarden and mixed at the airbase with conventional fuel for the Fighting Falcons. The SAF reduces CO2 emissions with sixty to eighty percent compared to conventional fuel.

The SAF supplied in Leeuwarden is enough for the first half of 2019. In the coming years, the Royal Netherlands Air Force aims to gradually increase the blend percentage and eventually operate all her aircraft on SAF. In 2030, the Air Force wants to reduce dependency on fossil fuels with twenty percent, and in 2050 with no less than seventy percent.

Colonel Paul de Witte, Head of Material Logistical Regulation and Development at the Royal Netherlands Air Force: *“The transition to sustainable aviation is of key importance for the Royal Netherlands Air Force. In 2010 we performed the first demonstration flight with an Apache helicopter on biofuel. We now want to work towards structurally operating all our aircraft on SAF from all our locations. The current flights on SAF from Leeuwarden Airbase are an important step in this.”*

Eline Schapers, Head of Sales, Supply & Operations at SkyNRG: *“We are very happy with the leadership role that the Royal Netherlands Air Force takes in the energy transition and proud to work with them for the supply of sustainable aviation fuel. In the summer of 2018, we supplied a first volume of SAF to the Air Force at Leeuwarden Airbase for one F-16. It is great that this is now being followed-up and all F-16 Fighting Falcons operate on SAF from Leeuwarden. We hope this is an inspiration for other governments as well.”*



Photo: Fuelling a F-16 Fighting Falcon at Leeuwarden Air Base. For more photos click [here](#).

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 any price premium versus conventional jet fuel. 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. www.skynrg.com