



## **Ground-breaking for Noida International Airport held in the presence of PM Shri Narendra Modi and UP CM Shri Yogi Adityanath**

**Jewar, November 25, 2021:** The ground-breaking ceremony for Noida International Airport was held at Jewar today in the presence of the Honourable Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, and the Honourable Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Shri Yogi Adityanath. The ceremony marks the beginning of construction of the airport. The ceremony – hosted by Shri R K Tiwari, Chairman NIAL and Chief Secretary, Government of Uttar Pradesh, and Mr. Daniel Bircher, Chairman YIAPL and MD Zurich Airport International – was attended by eminent dignitaries including Shri Jyotiraditya Scindia, Union Minister for Civil Aviation, Shri V.K. Singh, Union Minister of State for Civil Aviation, Dr. Ralf Heckner, Ambassador of Switzerland to India, Shri Nand Gopal Gupta, Minister Civil Aviation, Government of Uttar Pradesh, and Shri Dharendra Singh, MLA, Jewar.

Noida International Airport will be built through a Public Private Partnership (PPP) with an overall investment of INR 5730cr. The airport, set to open in 2024, will combine Indian culture, hospitality and design with Swiss technology and efficiency. The country's newest greenfield airport will provide passengers, airlines, and partners with quick, efficient processes and exceptional value. NIA will be a digital airport, offering passengers a safe and contactless travel experience as well as customised commercial offerings. The airport aims at operating with net zero emissions at an early stage.

**Mr Daniel Bircher, Chairman and Managing Director, Yamuna International Airport Private Limited** said, *“The ground-breaking ceremony is a key milestone, and the airport will act as a growth catalyst for not just the state, but the country. As the Ministry of Civil Aviation turns its focus towards making India a global aviation maintenance hub, NIA will aid the development of Cargo and MRO cluster in the NCR region, making flying more affordable. We are a committed partner for India’s growth, and we see tremendous opportunity to invest and support India’s national agenda through infrastructural development and job creation.”*

He added, *“We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to Honourable Prime Minister, Shri. Narendra Modi, Honourable Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Shri. Yogi Adityanath, and the dedicated team of officers who have been instrumental in turning this vision into reality.”*

At the ground-breaking, **Mr. Christoph Schnellmann, Chief Executive Officer, Yamuna International Airport Private Limited** said, *“The strong recovery in the aviation sector along with the government’s initiative to develop and expand airports will not only help meet the growing demand for travel but also encourage higher connectivity between tier 2 and 3 cities in the country. Noida International Airport will connect western Uttar Pradesh to other cities in India and the world. This world class airport will set a benchmark in aviation infrastructure and development of multiple-airport systems in India.”*

The airport's design is inspired by India and will include various elements synonymous with the region's architecture. The terminal forecourt will feature flights of steps like the famous ghats of Varanasi and Haridwar, welcoming and bringing together people. Delivering the look and feel of a haveli, a courtyard will allow fresh air and sunlight into the terminal building. Inspired by the important rivers of the region, a white, translucent, wavy roof will give the effect of a flowing river. The passenger terminal will feature intricate ornamental lattice screens, inspired by Indian architecture. Noida International Airport will showcase a grand entry to the state of Uttar Pradesh.

Noida International Airport holds strategic importance for Uttar Pradesh as it will stimulate residential and industrial activities in the catchment area and attract more investment. The airport will benefit the region and act as a growth catalyst for the local economy. It will also be a huge job creator with the upcoming MRO hub, film city, and other developments in the region. The development of the airport will spur economic growth in India, ushering it towards becoming \$5-trillion economy in the next few years.

In early December last year, Zurich Airport International had selected a consortium consisting of Nordic, Grimshaw, Haptic and STUP as the architects to design the passenger terminal of the Noida International Airport (NIA) at Jewar. The design of the airport focuses on short and efficient passenger flows, digital and tech-enabled customer services, and commitment to minimal environmental impact. A state-of-the-art flexible and modular logistics infrastructure will support the growing logistics demand and our logistics partners.

In August, Yamuna International Airport Pvt Ltd (YIAPL) secured approval of the masterplan, which was prepared in close collaboration with aviation consultants Landrum & Brown and experts from Zurich Airport International. The masterplan is prepared to accommodate the expected demand throughout the 40-year concession period with two runways and two passenger terminals. NIA will be the first airport in its class to accomplish net zero emissions, setting a new standard for sustainable aviation.

#### **Notes to the editors:**

#### **Zurich Airport International**

Zurich Airport International AG, a 100% subsidiary of Flughafen Zürich AG, is successfully developing and operating award-winning airports in Latin America, the Caribbean and in India.

The company is invested in multiple airport concessions and is providing operations and management contracts as well as advisory in all fields of airport development and management.

Flughafen Zürich AG, a major player in aviation, commercial and real estate, is the owner and operator of Switzerland's main transportation hub and gateway to the world.

The company is listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange with a market cap of approximately CHF 5bn.

## **Yamuna International Airport Private Limited**

YIAPL is a 100% subsidiary of Zurich Airport International AG, which has been incorporated as a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) to develop the greenfield Noida International Airport. The Government of Uttar Pradesh has signed the concession agreement with Yamuna International Airport Private Limited (YIAPL), to develop Noida International Airport (NIA) at Jewar. The company is responsible for implementing the Public-Private Partnership project together with the Government of Uttar Pradesh, New Delhi Okhla Industrial Development Authority and Greater Noida Industrial Development Authority.

## **About Noida International Airport Limited**

Noida International Airport Limited was incorporated on 28.08.2018 as Joint Venture of Government of Uttar Pradesh (through Department of Civil Aviation, GoUP), NOIDA, Greater NOIDA, and Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA) in ratio of 37.5:37.5:12.5:12.5 with objective to set-up a Green Field International Airport and facilitating other aviation related activities in Gautam Buddha Nagar district in the State of Uttar Pradesh. The Present Authorised Capital of the Company is Rs. 10,000 Crore. The business and operation of the Company is managed by Board of Directors consisting of 7 members as under:

1	Chief Secretary, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh	Chairman
2	CEO, NOIDA	Director
3	CEO, Greater NOIDA	Director
4	CEO, Yamuna Expressway Development Authority	Director
5	Secretary (or Officer nominated by), Infrastructure and Industrial Development Dept., Govt. of Uttar Pradesh	Director
6	Secretary (or Officer nominated by), Finance Department, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh	Director
7	Director, Civil Aviation, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh	Director