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PRESS RELEASE

Hermes Airports welcomes Zagrosjet to Cyprus!

Hermes Airports is very pleased to welcome Zagrosjet to Cyprus. The airline will connect Larnaka with the city of Erbil in Iraq. The Larnaka-Erbil route will be performed once a week and will be operated with Airbus 320 and 321 type aircraft.

In a statement, the Chief Executive Officer of Hermes, Mr. Wes Porter, welcomed Zagrosjet to Cyprus, noting that the airline is reconnecting Cyprus with Iraq, which creates new prospects for co-operation in all fields such as enterprise, tourism and the cross-cultural exchange of ideas and culture. "I am confident that travellers in Erbil will quickly recognize that Cyprus, besides being an amazing tourist destination, is also a portal through which Iraqis can travel to the rest of the world such as Europe and North Africa. At the same time", he concluded, "the travelling public of Cyprus has a unique opportunity as of today to travel to Erbil and get to know the diamond of Northern Iraq and the Middle East.

Speaking on behalf of Zagrosjet, Dr Kregar Gardi, Commercial Director and Member of the Board of Directors of the company, expressed his joy at the Larnaka-Erbil route and stressed that Cyprus is a developing tourist destination for Iraqis, whilst he also praised the high level of services provided to airlines by Larnaka International Airport.

To welcome the first flight from Erbil, Hermes Airports offered the first arriving passengers traditional Cypriot delicacies and drinks. Immediately after welcoming the first passengers from Iraq, the Chief Executive Officer of Hermes Airports, Mr. Wes Porter offered gifts to the representatives of Zagrosjet and the airline's partner, Start Airline tour operator.