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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Hermes Airports announces leadership changes**

Hermes Airports announces the change in leadership of the company with the departure of Mr. Alfred van der Meer from the position of Chief Executive Officer and his succession by Mr. Craig Richmond. Mr. Van der Meer's presence at the helm of Hermes Airports for five years has been identified with the successful delivery of the two new international airports in Larnaka and Pafos, whilst his contribution has been of great importance to the further development of Hermes and the total services provided by the airports of Cyprus.

The Chairman of Hermes Airports, Mr. Iacovos Iacovou, wishes to express his sincere thanks to Mr. Van der Meer and to wish him and his family all the best in their future endeavors.

In a statement, the departing Chief Executive Officer of Hermes Airports, Mr. Alfred van der Meer, declared that his work and stay in Cyprus has been, for him and his wife "a fantastic and warm experience."

The new Chief Executive Officer of Hermes Airports will be Mr. Craig Richmond, currently Chief Executive Officer of Vantage Airports UK which owns Liverpool John Lennon Airport. Vantage Airport Group is one of the shareholders of Hermes Airports.

In his statement, Mr. Richmond said "I am very excited at the prospect of working for Hermes, having met members of the Board and Management team on various occasions and having heard such great things about working and living in Cyprus".

Prior to Liverpool, Mr. Richmond was the CEO of the Nassau Airport Development Company in the Bahamas, where he was responsible for the design and construction of USD \$500 million terminals and airport operations. He was particularly successful in the development of a customer service culture at the airport.

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Before Nassau he was Vice President of Operations at Vancouver International Airport, which has been recognized as best-in-class on numerous occasions.

Mr. Richmond is a former Canadian Forces pilot and holds a Master's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Manitoba in Canada. Mr. Richmond is married with two children and is a Canadian citizen.



**Notes for the Media:**

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