

## **Punj Lloyd joins hands with Swissport To explore ground handling market in booming aviation sector**

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Punj Lloyd Limited (PLL), leading engineering and construction company of India, has entered into a joint venture with Swissport International, a world leader in the ground handling industry. Punj Lloyd will hold 49% while Swissport will hold 51% stake in the joint venture. With India being one of the fastest growing markets in the entire aviation sector, Swissport sees a strong business potential in India.

Leveraging on Swissport's brand and know-how and Punj Lloyd's local expertise, both partners will take advantage of this joint venture to develop projects in the Indian ground handling sector. Commenting on the announcement of JV, Mr Joseph In Albon, President & CEO, Swissport International said, "This JV is a significant business opportunity that will open up new avenues for developing Swissport International's core competencies in ground handling in India and enable us to serve this market with the same high quality standards that we provide all around the world".

Commenting on the JV, Mr Atul Punj, Chairman, Punj Lloyd Ltd. said, "This joint venture will enable Punj Lloyd to enter into a new business field in the aviation sector in India, which has robust growth opportunities. We are enthusiastically looking forward to developing our partnership with Swissport into a very successful business".

### **About Punj Lloyd**

Punj Lloyd (BSE SCRIP ID: 532693, NSE SCRIP ID: PUNJLLOYD), is amongst the largest engineering and construction companies in India providing integrated design, engineering, procurement, construction and project management services for energy and infrastructure sector projects with operations spread across many regions in the Middle East, Caspian, Asia Pacific, Africa and South Asia. The company has acquired a majority stake in SembCorp Engineers & Constructors, a Singapore \$ 1 billion company. Punj Lloyd also entered into a JV with Saudi Prince to form 'Dayim-Punj Lloyd Engineering Limited' and has also entered into a joint venture with KAEFER GmbH, Germany, a world leader in the insulation business. Further information about the Company is available at [www.punjllloyd.com](http://www.punjllloyd.com).

### **About Swissport**

Swissport International Ltd, which is owned by Ferrovial, a leading European infrastructure and service corporation based in Spain, provides ground services for over 70 million passengers and 3.2 million tonnes of cargo a year on behalf of some 650 client companies. With its workforce of around 21000 personnel, Swissport is active at 182 airports in 41 countries on five continents and

generated consolidated operating revenue of USD 1315 million in 2005. Further information about the Company is available at [www.swissport.com/www.ferrovial.com](http://www.swissport.com/www.ferrovial.com).

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