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DAA awards Siemens €40m T2 Baggage Handling System Contract

The Dublin Airport Authority (DAA) announced today that it has awarded Siemens a €40 million contract to design and build a baggage handling system for Dublin Airport's new passenger terminal T2.

The baggage handling system from Siemens is part of a €395 million development project to build a second terminal at Dublin Airport, which will be capable of handling up to 15 million passengers per year. The new terminal, which is on schedule to open in April 2010, is designed to meet the needs of both long-haul and short-haul passengers and airlines.

Siemens will design, build and integrate the baggage handling system, which includes six km of conveyor to route all checked baggage through security screening, before sorting them by flight number for specific destinations. Siemens will also supply six baggage claim units. Using advanced and intelligent IT and automation systems, the new system will help to speed up ground handling related processes for arriving, departing and connecting passengers.

According to DAA Chief Executive Declan Collier: "Siemens' proven ability to design and build a high-quality, integrated, airport logistics solution, as well as its strong local presence, were critical factors in the DAA's decision to award it the contract." Siemens recently designed and built the new baggage handling system at Cork Airport, to facilitate increasing demand, speed up processes and improve security.

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Mr Collier added that construction work on T2 started last October and is progressing well. "The steel frame of the baggage sorting hall, which will be at the heart of the new Siemens system, is now fully complete," he said. "The frame of the terminal building proper is also beginning to take shape and work is underway to build Pier E, the new boarding gate facility that is part of the overall T2 project. We're on track to open T2 to the public in April 2010."

Dr. Werner Kruckow, CEO, Siemens Limited Ireland said the company was delighted to have won the T2 contract. "Siemens is committed to providing the technology and support required to create a safe and stress free environment for passengers travelling through Dublin," Dr Kruckow said. "Through our design-build approach, we will implement a baggage handling solution that will better enable DAA to foster this environment and meet the needs of modern airline passengers."

About Siemens

Siemens is a global electronics and electrical engineering company providing products, systems, services and solutions for the industry, energy and healthcare sectors. Siemens has offices in Dublin, Cork and Belfast and employs more than 1100 people in Ireland. Siemens has a long-standing tradition of delivering key infrastructure projects in Ireland including the first direct Trans-Atlantic cable in 1874 and Shannon hydro-electric scheme which continues to produce green electricity. Siemens recently completed Ireland's largest on-shore wind farm for Airtricity and supplied the world's most advanced CT scanner to the Mater Private Hospital.

Siemens Airport Logistics, a division of the Siemens Industrial Solutions and Services (I&S) Group, is a global market leader in baggage and cargo handling solutions and systems integration for airports.

About Dublin Airport Authority

DAA owns and operates Dublin, Cork and Shannon Airports and the international airport consultancy business ARI. Dublin Airport, which will handle more than 24 million passengers this year, is Europe's eighth largest airport for international traffic. Through its Transforming Dublin Airport programme, the DAA is investing €2 billion to improve, expand and modernise Dublin Airport.

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