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MONTRÉAL–TRUDEAU AIRPORT RECEIVES CERTIFICATION FOR GREENHOUSE-GAS EMISSIONS REDUCTION EFFORTS

Montréal, December 8, 2014 – Aéroports de Montréal (ADM) is pleased to announce that Montréal–Pierre-Elliott-Trudeau International Airport has become the first airport in Canada to be certified under the Airport Carbon Accreditation standard.

Airport Carbon Accreditation is a program introduced by Airports Council International that provides a standardized, independent method for airports to define, and promote, their CO₂ emissions management and reduction efforts. Accreditation recognizes efforts made toward control and reduction of an airport's carbon footprint.

“This important recognition testifies to our commitment to protecting the environment and lowering our greenhouse-gas emissions,” said James C. Cherry, President and CEO, ADM.

Energy efficiency and greenhouse-gas emissions

“All of our expansion and modernization projects at Montréal–Trudeau during the past two decades have included an energy-efficiency improvement component,” Mr. Cherry explained. “For example, changes made to the HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning) system since 2000 have enabled us to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions from the terminal building by nearly 50% per m²,” he added.

The many initiatives targeting CO₂ emissions reductions include the airport's ultra-high-performance thermal plant, designed for energy recovery. This one-of-a-kind facility, powered mainly by electricity and natural gas, has driven significant gains in energy efficiency and emissions reduction since 2003.

ADM also developed, in collaboration with Concordia University and the company Somfy, an ingenious automated window-shade system that keeps natural light at optimum levels in the terminal. Other systems targeting similar energy efficiency goals include LED lighting on runways and taxiways, airport roads; plus variable-speed escalators and moving sidewalks. In addition, all boarding bridges are equipped with electric power units and cool- or hot-air conduits to supply parked aircraft, avoiding use of onboard power units, which burn fossil fuels.

About Aéroports de Montréal

Aéroports de Montréal's environmental management system has been ISO 14001 certified since 2000, with the most recent audit having been conducted in 2013. ADM signed the Aviation Industry Commitment to Action on Climate Change in Geneva in 2008. The Montréal–Trudeau terminal has been BOMA BESt certified since 2008, attesting to the building's superior energy and environmental performance.

Aéroports de Montréal is the local airport authority that has been responsible for the management, operation and development of Montréal–Trudeau and Montréal–Mirabel international airports since 1992. The Corporation employs more than 650 people at both airports and at head office.

For more information about Airport Carbon Accreditation, visit the organization's website, www.airportcarbonaccreditation.org.

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