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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Opening of the OPAP branch at Larnaka International Airport**

Hermes Airports is delighted to announce the opening of the new branch of OPAP at Larnaka International Airport. The branch which is located in the arrivals area is accessible to both the arriving and departing passengers and also to the broader public who visit the airport.

Speaking at the opening ceremony of the new branch of OPAP, Mr. Wes Porter, CEO of Hermes, welcomed the representatives of OPAP at Larnaka Airport and wished OPAP the best of luck toward achieving its business goals. He also wished the best of luck to the customers who take part in OPAP's lottery games.

In his statement, Mr. Porter, congratulated OPAP and the team at Hermes for the excellent collaboration that has resulted in the opening of the new branch. He also noted that each year more than six million people travel through Larnaka International Airport or visit its premises for various purposes. This means that OPAP now has access to a large customer base creating the opportunity for a successful business presence at Larnaka Airport.

On his part, Mr. Dimitris Aletraris, Managing Director of OPAP, said that for the first time, an OPAP store opens at the airport. This development, he said, has been made possible on the basis of cooperation and understanding with Hermes Airports, which we thank. The unique individuality of the airport, he said, gives an additional, symbolic presence of our company's branch at the terminal.

As Mr Aletraris stressed, the paths and the feelings of thousands of people cross at the airport; the joy and impatience for the leisure trips but also the sadness for the farewell of our loved ones. We believe, he said, that the

benefits from this collaboration will be mutual and this fact it is something which will be monitored shortly, through the results of the OPAP store at the airport, he concluded.







**Notes for the Media:**

- Hermes Airports Ltd is the operator of the two International Airports of the Republic of Cyprus. The consortium consists of 9 shareholders comprising of Cypriot and International investors. Overall, more than seven million passengers travel through Larnaka and Pafos International Airports, annually.
- It is estimated that about 100 additional jobs are created for each additional flight arriving at Cyprus' airports. In total, more than 12,700 jobs in the tourism industry across Cyprus are sustained by the operation of Larnaka and Pafos International Airports. With an annual contribution of more than 500 million Euros to the economy of Cyprus, corresponding to approximately 3% of the Cyprus GDP, Larnaka and Pafos International Airports are justifiably considered to be among the major drivers of economic growth in the country and are acknowledged as key generators of thousands of jobs.
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