

FOKKER SERVICES GROUP BREAKS GROUND FOR NEW WIDE-BODY HANGAR

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Fokker Services Group is now building a wide-body aircraft hangar in close cooperation with Gaptex. The 87-meter (L) x 86-meter (W) x 27-meter (H) construction will accommodate aircraft such as Airbus A330, Airbus A350 and Boeing 777, and will be equipped with floor heating and cooling systems all powered by electricity. This hangar is part of a larger expansion plan, which includes hiring new colleagues, a second new wide-body hangar and extending workshop spaces at Fokker Services Group’s global facilities.

Roland van Dijk, Co-CEO of Fokker Services Group, commented: “This new hangar is the latest development in our company-wide growth plan. With this investment we are making a long-term commitment to our colleagues, customers, suppliers and the local community. As the markets for wide-body maintenance and VIP completions continue to grow, this modern hangar extension allows us to support new and existing customers for the years to come.”

With planning, development and preparations finalized, Gapterk has now started the modular hangar construction on-site, which will take just 12-14 weeks to complete. The design is based on Gapterk's patented lightweight system, which is fast to assemble and disassemble, and easy to relocate. The aluminum construction reduces CO2 emissions up to 21% compared to conventional steel structures.

Tomas Felius founding member and President of Gapterk, said: "Since the beginning, one of the most important values for Gapterk is to provide more sustainable and cost efficient solutions. Our technology, initially engineered to provide solutions for Military Defense, is now more advanced and permits us to provide turnkey facilities that can adapt to the actual civil aviation market needs, such as fast deployment, low environmental impact, capability to be easily adapted and relocated while maintaining the CE quality and to comply with IBC and local regulations. This project is an important milestone in the international markets expansion's for Gapterk."

Sander Heijmans, Executive Director of Business Park Aviolanda, on which Fokker Services Group's facilities are located, adds: "This is another great step in the development of Business Park Aviolanda and will clearly be a major contributor to the modernization and high tech business increase of the entire facility."

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