



Press Release

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AIT Worldwide Logistics and Air France KLM Martinair Cargo take landmark step in sustainability by signing record Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) agreement

At the prestigious annual ball of the Netherland-America Foundation (NAF) on Friday, 18 November in New York, Air France KLM Martinair Cargo (AFKLMP Cargo) presented its Sustainability Award to AIT Worldwide Logistics. This award, received by AIT Worldwide Logistics' CIO & EVP, Ray Fennelly, underscores the tremendous efforts AIT has made this year to become a leader in sustainability in the logistics sector.

More importantly, AIT Worldwide Logistics has joined the Air France KLM Martinair Cargo Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) programme, under which agreement AIT purchased 460 metric tonnes of Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) from AFKLMP Cargo for the period 2023, with even higher volumes committed heading towards 2024. This ground-breaking agreement allows both parties to further intensify their partnership and increase the overall sustainability of airfreight chain logistics.

Ray Fennelly, Chief Information Officer and Executive Vice President for AIT Worldwide Logistics, comments: *"To make progress towards environmental goals in our industry, cooperation is absolutely essential, and AIT is pleased to be a part of KLM's SAF programme. It's also an honour to receive this award from a company with such a well-deserved reputation for world-class professionalism and support; thank you for your partnership as we work in tandem towards a sustainable future."*

GertJan Roelands, SVP Commercial at AFKLMP Cargo explains: “We are honoured that AIT Worldwide Logistics has decided to partner with Air France KLM Martinair Cargo and join our SAF programme. Recognising the challenges of the hard-to-abate sector, partnerships like these underscore the willingness of the complex ecosystem to work together to become a more sustainable airfreight industry. This is a clear step in the right direction toward our commitments for the SBTi-validated targets for 2030 and the ultimate goal of achieving net-zero CO₂ by 2050.”

Air France-KLM sustainability commitment

In October 2021, the Air France-KLM Group committed to having its decarbonisation trajectory validated by the Science Based Targets Initiative (SBTi), ensuring that its targets are in line with the 2015 Paris Agreement to achieve net zero emissions by 2050.

To reach our environmental ambition we identified three levers:

1) fleet renewal, 2) SAF and 3) operational measures:

- 1) Air France-KLM’s decarbonisation trajectory includes an ambitious plan to renew the Group’s airline fleet with next-generation aircraft emitting 20%-25% less CO₂. Cargo specific, we recently announced a firm order of 4x A350F for AF and 4x A350F for MP to renew our freighter fleet. These new generation aircraft will replace the current Martinair Boeing 747 freighters from the second half of 2026. The four A350Fs emit over 40% less CO₂ and make 50% less noise than their predecessors.
- 2) In 2020, Air France KLM Martinair Cargo was the first air cargo carrier to launch a fully customer-oriented Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) programme. More than 50 companies from all over the world have now joined the programme. In October, AFKLMP Cargo introduced another novelty with the goSAF option, which allows customers to reduce their carbon emissions per booked shipment by making a direct investment in SAF. This new feature in AFKLMP’s myCargo booking portal, seems to be widely embraced. In the first week alone, after the feature was introduced, an SAF contribution was added to more than 1,000 bookings.
- 3) Searching for greater efficiency in its operations, favouring more direct routes and applying procedures that limit fuel consumption (lighter aircraft, single-engine taxiing, continuous descent) are all part of AFKL’s sustainability efforts. Air France and KLM have set themselves the target of making their ground operations carbon-neutral by 2030.

In addition, Air France-KLM is mobilising the entire sector and is committed to developing innovative solutions for aircraft design, maintenance, engines and synthetic fuels, gradually leading to carbon-free aviation.

Earlier this year, AFKLMP Cargo was recognised for its commitment to making our cargo operations as sustainable as possible, along with our partners in the ecosystem, by receiving the Most Innovative Cargo Solution award in this year's Sustainable Flight Challenge hosted by SkyTeam.

About NAF

Founded in 1921, the Netherland-America Foundation (NAF) is the leading bilateral foundation initiating and supporting high-impact exchange between the Netherlands and the United States, including the NAF-Fulbright Fellowships and programmes in the arts, business, public policy and historic preservation. NAF activities provide donors and recipients with access to a broad network of educational, cultural and business organisations that exemplify Dutch and American excellence in a number of disciplines.

About AIT Worldwide Logistics

AIT Worldwide Logistics is a global freight forwarder that helps companies grow by expanding access to markets all over the world where they can sell and/or procure their raw materials, components and finished goods. For more than 40 years, the Chicago-based supply chain solutions leader has relied on a consultative approach to build a global network and trusted partnerships in nearly every industry, including aerospace, automotive, consumer retail, food, government, healthcare, high-tech, industrial and life sciences. Backed by scalable, user-friendly technology, AIT's flexible business model customises door-to-door deliveries via sea, air, ground and rail — on time and on budget. With expert teammates staffing more than 125 worldwide locations in Asia, Europe and North America, AIT's full-service options also include customs clearance, warehouse management and white glove services. Learn more at www.aitworldwide.com.

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About Air France KLM Martinair Cargo

The Air France-KLM Group is a global airline group with a strong European base. Its main areas of business are passenger transport, cargo transport and aeronautical maintenance. Air France KLM Martinair Cargo is the Air France-KLM Group's dedicated air cargo business. Air France Cargo and KLM Cargo are members of SkyTeam Cargo offering even larger network coverage. Please click [here](#) to go to our press releases online or visit www.afklcargo.com for more information about Air France KLM Martinair Cargo.

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